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Anyone who has not received a copy of the Harvest Show Booklet and Registration form, Call Denise at 625-8280.

Deadline for Harvest Show Pre-Registration Form: August 29th

HARVEST SHOW SPECIAL CLASSES

The Harvest Show means more than just showing vegetables. Sign up soon to enter one or all of the following classes:

SCARECROWS	CLASS 18
BOUNTY-BY-THE-BASKET	CLASSES 3 to 9
FLORAL BOUNTY	CLASS 10

Be sure to check your Harvest Show booklet for more information.

HARVEST SHOW WORKSHOPS

Three workshops are being co-sponsored by the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's PHILADELPHIA GREEN and Penn State's URBAN GARDENING in preparation for the Harvest Show:

HERB WORKSHOP
Date: September 10th, 2 PM
Location: Carousel House
Belmont and Parkside Avenues, Philadelphia

SELECTING VEGETABLES
Date: September 15th, 2 PM and 6 PM
Location: Cooperative Extension Service
Penn State Urban Gardening Program
Southeast Corner of Broad & Grange Streets, Philadelphia

HARVEST TABLES, FLOWER ARRANGING & BOUNTY BY-THE-BASKET
Date: September 18th, 2 PM and 6 PM
Location: Pennsylvania Horticultural Society
325 Walnut Street, Philadelphia

Please call the URBAN GARDENING Garden Phone at 224-7870 to register for any or all of these workshops.

CALLING ALL SCARECROWS - JOIN THE HARVEST PARTY!

SCARECROWS	CLASS 18
BOUNTY-BY-THE-BASKET	CLASSES 3 to 9
FLORAL BOUNTY	CLASS 10

We're looking for entries for these three special classes. Check them off on your pre-registration form and send it in.

ATTENTION: JUNIOR GREEN THUMBS

There's a special section of the Harvest Show just for Juniors (Kindergarten through 12th grade). So enter your radishes, tomatoes, beans or any other vegetable or flower which you have grown yourself.

Call Helene Duncan (MO7-5553) for more information.

SUPER SENIOR SUNDAY

Whether your six or sixty, look for the PHILADELPHIA GREEN GARDENMOBILE at Super Senior Sunday, September 7th, along the Ben Franklin Parkway - from 12 noon until 5 PM. Join us for a Plant Clinic and container garden workshop.

PHILADELPHIA GREEN GARDENERS CELEBRATE SUMMER!

*** The 3006 E Hazzard Street Sitting Garden (Kensington) and the renovation of eight area houses by OHCD sparked a block party on July 12. Councilman James Tayoun and Thomas Massaro, the director of the Office of Housing and Community Development joined the neighbors for the festivities.

*** Germantown's Penn-Knox Neighbors, PHILADELPHIA GREEN staff and Joseph Coleman, City Council President, dedicated Penn-Greene Park on July 30th. This group obtained funding and permission to use the site from the Redevelopment Authority's Urban Renewal Program.

ASPEN FARMS STRIKES AGAIN

**** Only July 26th, The Aspen Farm (49th & Aspen) Garden Club members showed
***** more of their stuff at the special garden dedication celebrating their new
****** sitting area which runs the length of the 16,000 square foot garden. Club
***** members were joined by area residents, PHILADELPHIA GREEN staff and
**** Councilman Lucien Blackwell to mark this beautiful addition to their neighborhood.

!!PHILADELPHIA GREEN T-SHIRTS!!

Let your neighbors know you've helped make PHILADELPHIA GREEN by buying a special PHILADELPHIA GREEN T-Shirt.

Cost: $3.50 each
Sizes: Adult small to extra large

NO CHILDREN'S SIZES IN STOCK. These require a special order of at least 6 shirts per size.

ORDERS MUST BE PICKED UP AT THE PHILADELPHIA GREEN OFFICE (NO MAIL ORDER) 320 Walnut Street, Room 213. Before picking up your order, CALL TO MAKE SURE YOUR SIZES ARE IN STOCK. If you need more information call Alexandra at 625-8285 or Denise at 625-8280.

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HARVEST SHOW BULLETIN

SHOW YOUR STUFF

Community gardeners have been busy planning their entries for the Harvest Show, but there's more room in several competitive classes. We need more entries of Collection of Vegetables and Scarecrows, so be sure to send them in. Each individual vegetable class requires a specified number of tomatoes, beans or peppers. If you have less than the number needed to enter an individual class you can combine the best of your produce to make a collection.

It's still not too late to register all those other prize-winning crops. Just fill in the yellow registration form attached to the back of your Harvest Show booklet. Don't worry that you may need to make changes later -- we'd just like to know how many gardens are planning to show their harvest.

LAST MINUTE ENTRIES (except Harvest Tables and Floral Arrangements) ARE WELCOME!

HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT THE HARVEST SHOW OR PARTY? CALL DENISE AT PHILADELPHIA GREEN, 625-8280 OR URBAN GARDENING PROGRAM'S GARDEN PHONE 224-7870.

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SUNFLOWERS CLASS NUMBER 89.1

Sunflowers can be entered in the Harvest Show this year. The class number 89.1 was omitted from the Harvest Show booklet.

Sunbird Sunflowers, grown from special seeds distributed at PHS, will be entered in the challenge class number 16.

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SPECIAL HARVEST SHOW REMINDERS

1. All entries in the Community Gardeners Competitive Classes can be made either THURSDAY, September 25th between 5 and 8 PM or FRIDAY, September 26th between 7:30 and 10:30 AM.
   NO ENTRIES CAN BE MADE AFTER 10:30 ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th.
   NO ENTRIES CAN BE MADE ON SATURDAY OR SUNDAY.
2. All entries in the Community Gardeners Competitive Classes must be made in the name of the Garden or Garden Block.
3. Only ONE entry per garden will be accepted for each Harvest Class, EXCEPT CLASS 89 - Any other Vegetable.
4. All produce entered in the show must be grown in a Community Garden or on a Garden Block.
5. If you have the seed packets or markers for the crops you are exhibiting, bring them with you to put on the entry tag. You will get more points if the variety is given.
6. The Horticultural Society will provide containers for all FLOWER and GREENS classes.

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MORE HARVEST SHOW REMINDERS

7. Any greens that wilt during the two-day show will be discarded. Ribbons on winning entries will be saved for pick-up by exhibitors.
8. Containers used for COLLECTION OF VEGETABLES and HARVEST TABLE classes must be provided by exhibitors. Mark all containers on the bottom with name, garden and phone number.
9. All exhibitors will be given special buttons when registering so they can remove their entries between 5:15 and 6 PM on Sunday, September 28th.

   NO ENTRIES CAN BE REMOVED FROM MEMORIAL HALL until after 5:15 PM on SUNDAY.

10. All entries that have not been removed by 6 PM on Sunday will be discarded. Ribbons on any winning entries will then be mailed to the Garden Chairperson.
11. Remember to bring bags or boxes on Sunday to carry your entries home.
12. Every effort will be made by the Horticultural Society and the Extension Service to keep all vegetables and flowers in good condition for judging and the show.

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JOIN THE HARVEST CELEBRATION

We are all looking forward to taking part in PHS's Annual Harvest Show on September 27th and 28th, being held at Memorial Hall in Fairmount Park.

Featured at the show will be the Community Gardeners' Competitive Classes, highlighting top quality vegetables, fruits, and harvest tables. Flowers will be exhibited as single specimens, in arrangements, and pressed under glass.

If you are planning to go to the Harvest Show during the day, it will be open from 10 AM to 5 PM both days. Admission is $2.00 for adults, and $.50 for children under 12.

The Community Gardeners' HARVEST PARTY will be held on Saturday, September 27th from 6 to 8:30 PM. Only those people with tickets for the Harvest Party will be admitted free of charge.

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HARVEST SHOW WORKSHOPS

Monday, September 15th - SELECTING VEGETABLE ENTRIES -- 2 and 6 PM at the Cooperative Extension Service, Broad and Grange Streets.

Thursday, September 18th, HARVEST TABLE, BOUNTY BY THE BASKET AND FLORAL BOUNTY -- 2 and 6 PM at the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, 325 Walnut Street

Call 224-7870 (Garden Phone) to pre-register for any or all of these workshops.

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In addition, watch for SELECTING HARVEST SHOW ENTRIES, on Monday, September 22nd, Channel 3 at 6:35 AM, providing last minute information about your Harvest Show entries.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING? The Community Recognition Dinner

WHEN? Tuesday, October 21st at 7 PM

WHAT'S THE HURRY? Seating is available for 350 people, so send your reservation in as soon as you can. If we receive more than 350 reservations, names will then go on a waiting list.

DEADLINE: Extended to Friday, October 10th!!!!!!!!

HARVEST SHOW NEWS

Sixty seven community gardens exhibited over 500 entries at this year's Harvest Show at Memorial Hall. Award-winning vegetables and flowers were entered in over 150 competitive classes. Twelve groups artistically displayed the bounty and variety of their gardens in attractive Harvest Tables. When guests came to the Community Gardener's Harvest Party on Saturday night, they had a chance to dance to the country tunes of the Jubilo String Band and view the ribbon-winning entries.

SWEEPSTAKES PRIZES

The first, second, third and honorable mention ribbons are each assigned a different number of points. Those gardens with the most points in the Show were awarded special Sweepstakes Prizes - shrubs and fruit trees for the gardens. The Sweepstakes winners are as follows:

LARGE GARDENS

First	1500 Grays Ferry Avenue
Second	Southwark Queen Village
Third	18th & Cherry
Honorable Mention	Belmont Filter Plant
	56th & Haverford

SMALL GARDENS

First	753-55 DeKalb Street
Second	2100 N 20th Street
	Friends Hospital - Young People's Unit
Third	2300 N Beechwood
	1426-30 S Taylor
Honorable Mention	1424-26 N 18th

HARVEST TABLE WINNERS

FIRST	2100 N 20th Street
SECOND	56th & Haverford
THIRD	11th & Mt. Vernon

HONORABLE MENTIONS	1500 Grays Ferry
	2132-42 N Gratz
	33rd & Race
	Southwark Queen Village

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IN ADDITION, THE FOLLOWING WERE AWARDED

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society Community Gardens Sweepstakes Certificate to the Community Garden winning the greatest number of Blue Ribbons in the Show went to:

1500 GRAYS FERRY AVENUE
Coordinator: MATTIE ROBBINS

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society Bronze Medal Ribbon to the outstanding blue ribbon winner in the Vegetable Classes went to:

18th & CHERRY STREETS
Coordinator: ROSE MONOSTRA
for their entry in class 89.1 --- Sunflower

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society Bronze Medal Ribbon to the outstanding blue ribbon winner in Section A, Bounty by the Basket went to:

18th & CHERRY STREETS
Coordinator: ROSE MONOSTRA
for their entry in Class 9 - Collection Basket

The Special Award Ribbon for Superior Entry in the Harvest Table Classes went to:

2100 NORTH 20th STREET
Coordinators: WILLIE MAE BULLOCK
SHARON TURNER
LUTHER BELLE WILLIAMS

Penn State's URBAN GARDENING Program was the winner of two special awards at this year's Harvest Show:

1) The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society Certificate of Excellence

2) The National Council Educational Award

For a list of ribbon winners in each competitive class, available from the PHILADELPHIA GREEN Office, call Denise at 625-8280.

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AVOID THE CRUSH, SPONSOR YOUR COMMUNITY'S CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP

If there are at least ten people in your neighborhood interested in making their own Christmas decorations, the PHILADELPHIA GREEN staff will bring a Christmas workshop to your neighborhood. To arrange a time and place when your block or community organization can sponsor a neighborhood workshop, call Lance Mason at 625-8288.

CHRISTMAS DECORATION WORKSHOP

Planning to make your own decorations this Christmas? The PHILADELPHIA GREEN staff will lead a workshop here at the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society headquarters on Tuesday, December 16th.

We will show you how to make table centerpieces, door swags and wreaths, using fresh evergreens, ribbons and wire. Each person attending will be entitled to make one project.

PLACE: Pennsylvania Horticultural Society
325 Walnut Street

DATE & TIME: December 16th - 10AM to NOON
OR
- 2PM to 4 PM

Since there is space for only 15 people at each session, everyone should pre-register early, The registration fee is $3.00 per person for one session. If you want to participate, fill in the form below, and return it with a check or money order payable to the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society. There will be NO REFUNDS.

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NAME_____

ADDRESS_____ZIP_____PHONE_____

NO. ATTENDING_____ TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED $_____

Please make reservations for the following session (Check one):

December 16th _____ 10AM to NOON

_____ 2PM to 4 PM

Return form and payment to:

Lance Mason
PHILADELPHIA GREEN
Pennsylvania Horticultural Society
325 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19106

COMMUNITY RECOGNITION DINNER

As the Phillies began winning the final game of the World Series, PHILADELPHIA GREEN gardeners were enjoying themselves at this year's COMMUNITY RECOGNITION DINNER, dining and listening to the music of the Danny Mento Band, featuring Butch Ballard on the drums.

The three hundred and eight people in attendance were addressed by Thomas H. Massaro, the Director of the Office of Housing and Community Development, who congratulated everyone on their fine gardening achievements and promised the continued support of PHILADELPHIA GREEN by OHCD.

Awards recognizing the efforts of those groups participating in the PHILADELPHIA GREEN programs were given to 22 Street Tree Blocks, 5 Curbside Planter Blocks, 91 Garden Blocks, 16 Sitting Gardens and 199 Vegetable Gardens.

The 1980 "Green Thumb of the Year" Award was presented to DORSHA L. MASON of the 2000 Block of West Hagert Street.

STREET TREE BLOCK SURVEY

All Street Tree Blocks will be surveyed this fall by Hal Rosner, a District Coordinator for PHILADELPHIA GREEN. Rosner will check on the health and vigor of all street trees planted since 1978, and will make recommendations on tree care to the contact persons on each block.

If you have special problems or questions about your street trees, call Hal Rosner at 625-8287. He will be glad to answer them when he visits your block.

GET READY FOR WINTER: WATER! WATER! WATER!

Although more rain has fallen lately than all last summer, unless we have at least one inch of rainfall per week, you must water all your outdoor plants (including trees, shrubs, perennials, lawns, as well as rye grass planted as a cover crop in vegetable gardens) thoroughly each week from now until the ground freezes hard (almost at the end of December). If the soil around the plant roots contains enough water when the ground freezes, your plants will have a better chance to live through the winter without drying out.

COMING IN NEXT MONTH'S NEWSLETTER: Putting the Vegetable Garden to Bed for the Winter.

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CHRISTMAS CALENDAR

CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP

DATE: Tuesday, December 16th
PLACE: Pennsylvania Horticultural Society,
325 Walnut Street
TIME: 10 AM to Noon OR 2 PM to 4 PM
COST: $3.00 per person for one session

PREREGISTER TODAY!!!!!!!!!
CALL LANCE MASON AT 625-8288.

THE CHRISTMAS SHOPPER

*** Looking for an unusual gift for the plant lover on your list? Why not give a ticket to the 1981 PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW, March 8th to 15th. Advance sale tickets, costing $3.75, will be available at PHS after December 15th.

*** Add some PHILADELPHIA GREEN to someone's Christmas. PHILADELPHIA GREEN Tee-Shirts, Adult sizes: Small, Medium, Large and Extra-Large, on sale now for $3.00 at the PHILADELPHIA GREEN office.

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CHRISTMAS SHOW AT PHS

Each year the Horticultural Society hosts a Christmas Show at its headquarters in 325 Walnut Street. This year's show, "18th Century Ideas for Christmas, 1980" will open December 8th and continue until December 24th at noon.

HOURS: 9 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday
until Noon, Christmas Eve.

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LIVE CHRISTMAS TREES

Most Xmas trees are cut down, without roots, and are no longer living when sold. If you do buy a tree with roots in a ball of soil and wrapped in burlap, you are probably planning to plant it outside after the holidays. Be sure the tree is inside for no longer than one week and keep it well watered. Any longer in a heated, dry house would probably weaken the tree and reduce its chances to survive once planted outside.

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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

The PHILADELPHIA GREEN office will be closed from December 24th until January 5th.

TYING UP LOOSE ENDS IN THE GARDEN

Tho' you're ready to head indoors, here are some garden tips to help get ready NOW for next spring:

1. Enrich your garden soil with the leaves, clippings, stalks and vines from your harvest. Shread or chop the material, spread them over the top of the soil, and dig them into the soil down about six inches. AVOID USING DISEASED PLANTS. Adding healthy organic matter to your garden helps keep the soil crumbly and easy to work.

2. Be sure to clean all garden tools and store them in a dry place for the winter.

3. List your favorite varieties of vegetables so you can order more seed this winter if needed.

4. Make a sketch of your garden to help you remember where the different kinds of vegetables were planted this year. When you're planning next year's garden, crops like corn and greens which need lots of nitrogen can be placed where beans and peas grew this year. It's also a good idea to rotate cole crops such as broccoli, cauliflower and kale to a different spot from where they were growing this year to avoid damage from clubroot (slime mold) which stays in the soil once it infects a plant.

5. Begin stocking up WOODCHIPS for mulching next year's garden. They're FREE and can be picked up from the FAIRMOUNT PARK RECYCLING CENTER. For more information and directions to the center, call MU6-1776, Extension 81-271

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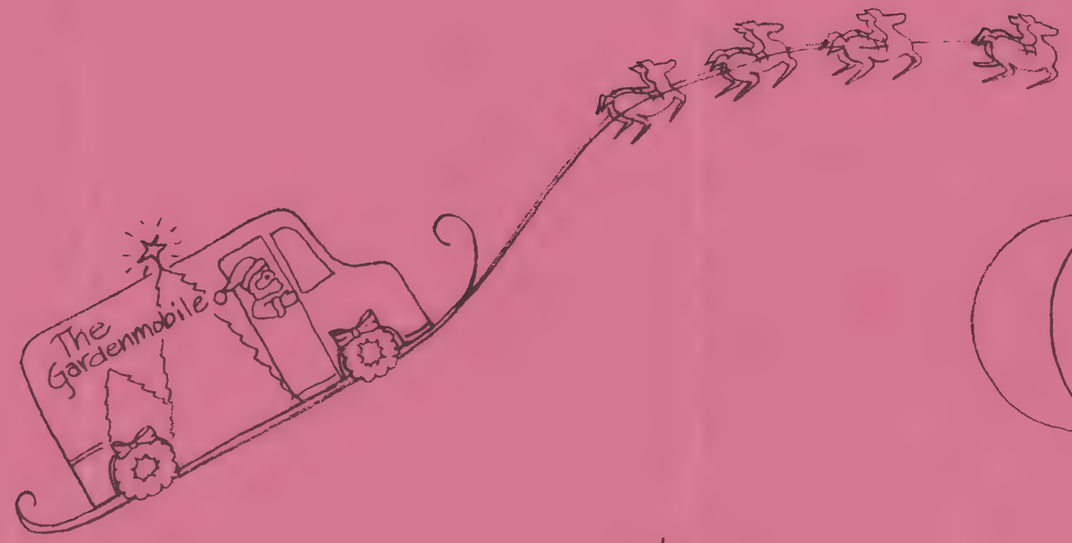

PHILADELPHIA GREEN wishes you a

Merry Christmas

Blaine Carol Pat Dave Denise Lance Hal Alexandra Anne Jon

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WHAT'S NEW

To make things easier for you, PHILADELPHIA GREEN has divided the city into three areas so that one District Coordinator will be handling all PHILADELPHIA GREEN programs in your neighborhood.

IF YOU LIVE IN:	CALL:	
North Philadelphia/West of Broad	Harold Rosner	625-8269
North Philadelphia/East of Broad and South Philadelphia	Anne Vallery	625-8270
West Philadelphia, Southwest and Northwest Philadelphia	Alexandra Basinski	625-8285

Blaine Bonham, Carol Sclafani and Pat Schrieber are still alive and well, keeping busy here at PHILADELPHIA GREEN.

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HERB WORKSHOPS

If you like to use herbs in cooking, shopping for them can be a frustrating experience. Fresh herbs are only available in the summer, and dried herbs, available year round, are usually very expensive.

HERB RELIEF IS ON THE WAY. During February, your community group can sponsor a neighborhood PHILADELPHIA GREEN workshop if there are at least 10 people in your neighborhood interested in starting their own herb gardens. The cost will be $3.00 per person. PHILADELPHIA GREEN staff will discuss the use of herbs and demonstrate seed starting, seedling transplanting and maintenance of herb gardens for the windowsill, backyard, or community garden plot.

To arrange the date, time and place where your community group can host an herb workshop, complete and tear off the form below and return to Lance Mason by February 2nd.

---------- T-E-A-R--H-E-R-E ----------

Name of Organization_____

Contact: Name_____

Address_____zip_____phone_____

Number interested:_____

Return Form To:
Lance Mason
PHILADELPHIA GREEN
PHS
325 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19106

DEADLINE: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2nd

1981 GARDEN BLOCKS

On a PHILADELPHIA GREEN Garden Block, window boxes and tire urns brighten each house with a burst of colorful flowers. PHILADELPHIA GREEN supplies annual plants, soil, hand tools and technical assistance to program participants. Groups are required to pay a $25 membership fee and provide containers or purchase window boxes through the program. The Garden Block Program enlists the cooperation and participation of at least 80% of the block in planting and caring for the plants.

PHILADELPHIA GREEN will work with new blocks this coming spring. If you know of interested blocks, call 625-8280 for more information.

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CALENDAR UPDATE

1) This winter, Penn State's Urban Gardening Program is again conducting a series of workshops on vegetables at Fairmount Park's Horticultural Center. If you'd like to receive a copy of the schedule, call the Garden Phone at 224-7870.

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2) An open discussion on INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT, describing more efficient and safer methods of control, will be held

DATE: February 24th (Tuesday)
TIME: 8 PM
PLACE: Plymouth-Whitemarsh High School
Germantown Pike
Plymouth Meeting - Montgomery County
(about 1 1/2 miles south of Plymouth Meeting Mall)

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SEED CATALOGS

What, no seed catalogs? Listed below are a few companies that have a good selection of vegetable and flower seeds. Just send your name and address, and you'll receive a free copy of their catalogs:

BURPEE SEED COMPANY
4810 Burpee Building
Warminster, PA 18974

GEORGE W. PARKS SEED COMPANY
P.O. Box 31
Greenwood, SC 29647

JOSEPH HARRIS CO., INC.
59 Moreton Farm
Rochester, NY 14624

STOKES SEEDS
2350 Stokes Building
Buffalo, NY 14240

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LIVING WITH THE DROUGHT

The water emergency is definitely real! Under the City's Water Emergency Plan, gardeners will not be permitted to use fresh water - either from fire hydrants or their own homes. So make the most of whatever moisture occurs this growing season. Plan for collecting and storing "grey" water (left over from baths and dish washing) and rainwater in 55 gallon drums and other large containers.

HOW TO GET WATER FROM A ROCK (OR WHAT TO DO IF IT DOESN'T RAIN). Be sure to attend Penn State's URBAN GARDENING Workshop Saturday, March 21st on Soils, Fertilizer and WATER, at the Fairmount Park Horticultural Center, from 9 AM to 12:30 PM. Call 224-7870 (GARDEN PHONE) for more information.

MULCHING HELPS TOO. Mulch is any material placed around the base of plants that will keep the soil moist and prevent weed growth. You can use different kinds of mulching material as long as the layer you apply is thick enough to save soil moisture: woodchips, composted leaves, straw, black plastic or newspapers.

But don't wait until the warm weather to go looking for mulch. Start preparing now. Save newspapers or arrange with your fellow gardeners to obtain woodchips, leaves, hay or straw. One source of free mulch is the FAIRMOUNT PARK COMMISSION: Call MU6-1776, Extension 81-271.

LOOK FOR MORE ON THE DROUGHT IN OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER.

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EXTRA! EXTRA! SPRING STARTS EARLY AT THE FLOWER SHOW

Where can you see daffodils, tulips, rhododendrons, magnolias and cherry trees all blooming in early March? At the PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society.

PLACE:	Philadelphia Civic Center, 34th Street & Civic Center Boulevard
DATES:	Sunday, March 8th through Sunday, March 15th
HOURS:	Sundays, 10 AM to 6 PM Monday through Saturday, 10 AM to 9:30 PM
ADMISSION:	Adults $4.50 -- Children (under 12) $2.25
TRANSPORTATION:	42 Bus from Walnut Street D-1 Special from 30th & Market

THE PHILADELPHIA GREEN ADVISORY BOARD

After a one-year trial period in 1980, the community-based PHILADELPHIA GREEN Advisory Board has moved into a full swing of activities in 1981. Forty neighborhood leaders serve on six sub-committees dealing with various aspects of the PHILADELPHIA GREEN Program. If you would like to talk to any of the chairs concerning the work that they're doing, give us a call at the office.

Last March, the Advisory Board demonstrated its enthusiastic support for PHILADELPHIA GREEN when it became involved in the City Council hearings on the Office of Housing and Community Development's 1981 Budget proposal which included the refunding of PHILADELPHIA GREEN. They developed a letter-writing campaign and followed up with visits to Council members: Tayoun (1st District), Verna (2nd District), Blackwell (3rd District), Street (5th District), Coleman (8th District) and at-large members Clark, Spector, and Rafferty. As a result, the City Council members supported the refunding of PHILADELPHIA GREEN for another year.

The Advisory Board is looking forward to an even tougher fight for this year's funding when City Council hearings are scheduled later this month. Members of the Advisory Board will be asking all PHILADELPHIA GREEN gardeners to attend these hearings to show their support for the PHILADELPHIA GREEN Program. Watch your mailbox for further details.

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A MOUTHPIECE FOR COMMUNITY GARDEN PROGRAMS

To those in the know, community gardening is the greatest! To help make it a household word for the rest of the population, the American Community Gardening Association (ACGA) was formed in 1979 by a group of program coordinators and sponsors from all over the country. Plans include developing a national network for educational exchange and support for community gardens. PHILADELPHIA GREEN Director Blaine Bonham is Treasurer of the organization, and Penn State Urban Gardening Program's coordinator Libby Goldstein is a Mid-Atlantic State Regional Director.

Member organizations will be active on issues of common interest to community gardeners throughout the U.S. such as legislative developments, land acquisition techniques and funding sources.

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DISCOUNT SEEDS

Your community organization can order vegetable seeds at low prices.

Order number FP-100, 100 family packs (each pack containing 8 packets of assorted seeds) @ $52 per case

Order number FP-50, 50 family packs (each pack containing 8 packets of assorted seeds) A $32 per case.

Send order (no money/will bill later) to: Greene Valley Seeds
Greene, NY 13778

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Dear Community Gardener,

I am extending a personal thanks to each of you who supported PHILADELPHIA GREEN's funding request by sending in letters of support to your Council Member and attending the City Council hearings on March 18th. Every Council member we spoke to had a stack of support letters from community gardeners all over the city asking them to support PHILADELPHIA GREEN. At the hearings, members of our Advisory Board presented a resolution to City Council and gave testimony to community gardening's importance in their communities.

Because of your efforts, we hope to be able to assist 150 new community groups to start different projects in 1981-82. Its good to know that so many people are working together for the same goal - to green the communities and to green Philadelphia.

Sincerely,

J. Blaine Bonham, Jr.

J. Blaine Bonham, Jr.
Director of PHILADELPHIA GREEN

THE PHILADELPHIA GREEN ADVISORY BOARD

Last month's City Council hearings on the OHCD 1982 budget were a huge success. The effort was spearheaded by the members of the PHILADELPHIA GREEN Advisory Board. The Board members are:

Willie Mae Bullock, Chair of Advisory Board

Sandres Bradley
Richard Camitta
Hazel Felton
Ella Francis-Vice-chair Public Relations
Frank Kieser
Charlotte Lewis
Dorsha Mason
Dorothy Moore
Eleanor Robbins
Tomasita Romero
Lou Steingraber
Haroldline Trower
Esther Williams
Grover Willis-Chair Garden Preservation
David Brann
Willie Mae Dyches
Ruth Flounders
Louise Gee
Annie Hyman
Natalie Kempner-Chair Educational Outreach
Frances Milburn
Minnie Morton-Chair Awards
Emma Roy
Donna Thorpe-Vice-chair Awards
Terry A. Williams-Chair Public Relations
Cecelia Yep
Sonny Brown
Helen Feggans
Pennia Ford
Judge Hall
Irene Johnson
Lucille Larrier-Vice-chair Garden Preservation
Almena Monteiro
Chris Nicholson
Mattie Robbins
Almina Smelley
Cleotis Toran
Sharon Turner-Chair Harvest Show
Yvonne Wynn-Chair Nominating

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ROTOTILLING SERVICES

These three men are community gardeners, like yourself, who own rototillers. They will plow your garden for a fee..

Mr. John - 225-8475

Mr. Camp - 386-6483

Mr. Butler - 879-8439 or 471-9986

SEVENTH ANNUAL CITY GARDENS CONTEST

City Gardens Contest entries have already started coming in, even with the prospect of a drought this season. By now all PHILADELPHIA GREEN garden club contacts should have received a Contest Entry Blank. Call 625-8280 if you need extra entry blanks.

All experienced community gardeners are encouraged to sign up as City Gardens Contest Judges. Call Jean Byall, Contest Coordinator at 625-8267, for more details.

EXPLANATION OF CONTEST CATEGORIES

- If you wish to enter your own backyard garden, enter it as an individual vegetable garden or flower garden.
- If your vegetable plot is located in a community garden, obtain the approval of the entire group of gardeners to enter as a community vegetable garden.
- All sitting gardens should be entered as Community Flower Gardens
- Window boxes, tire urns, wooden or concrete planters make your block eligible to enter as a Community Container Garden Project.
- Please enter "The Greenest Block In Town" only if your block has front yards or is planted with street trees.

LIVING WITH THE DROUGHT

PHILADELPHIA GREEN has joined with Penn State's Urban Gardening Program and Philadelphia's Water Department in a Water Conservation Project.

Over the next months, we will be keeping up-to-date on the latest drought gardening information. If you have any specific questions, please call 625-8280.

Join us in the Water Conservation effort by following these suggestions:

- LOOSEN SOIL - By early spring, a hard crust has formed on the soil surface. Breaking up that layer allows moisture to seep down into the soil.
- APPLY MULCH - To reduce moisture loss, apply a 3-6 inch layer around the base of each plant. Use woodchips, leaves or straw; a thin layer of newspaper or black plastic can also be used.
- FREE MULCH - Fairmount Park Recycling Center
  Ford Road & Chamounix Drive (West side of Schuylkill River, near the Strawberry Mansion Bridge)
  Monday through Saturday - Hours: 8:30 to 4:00
  Bring I.D. to show you're a Philadelphia resident
- ADD ORGANIC MATTER to improve soil structure and moisture retention. Use compost, rotted manure or peat moss when preparing the soil for planting.
- USE GREY WATER - Household waste water from tub, shower, kitchen sink or washing machine rinse cycle can be used. Avoid water containing chlorine bleach, fabric softeners or chemical water softeners. Do not apply grey water directly to edible parts of vegetable plants or ornamental plant foliage.
- STORE GREY WATER AND RAINWATER in 55 gallon drums and other large containers. Keep container covered with small mesh screen.

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For more on the drought, read the enclosed
DROUGHT TIPS FOR CITY GARDENERS

MEET HERB CLARKE, TV Ten's Weather Reporter

Herb Clarke is serving as the first honorary chair of the CITY GARDENS CONTEST. On Awards Night next September, contest winners will receive their honors from Herb himself. So if you want a chance to meet the man, enter the contest today. Send in your entry blank or call Jean Byall, Contest Coordinator at 625-8267.

DEADLINE: June 10th
City Gardens Contest

HARVEST SHOW CHALLENGE CLASS SEEDS

The Harvest Show will be held the last weekend of September, the 26th and 27th. The Community Gardeners' Harvest Show information packet will be mailed in late June.

In the meantime, plan on a prize-winning garden and enter the Harvest Show CHALLENGE CLASSES. Entries in these classes are made by exhibitors who plant the same varieties of seed to grow on through the season until the harvest. Seeds are available through us.

Accept a growing challenge. Call Alexandra Basinski at 625-8285 for more information.

CHALLENGE CLASS SEEDS:

'Pick Me Quick' Eggplant	'Gypsy' Pepper	'Kuta' Hybrid Squash
'Merrymum' Marigold	'Big Red' Hybrid Zinnia	

WHAT'S NEW

Seven community gardeners have been hired for the spring as part-time PHILADELPHIA GREEN GARDEN ASSISTANTS. They are working with the staff to assist community groups in the spring planting of sitting gardens, street trees, curbside planters, window boxes and tire urns. Our welcome to:

Antonio Bonaparte	-	North Phila	Linda Daniels	-	North Phila
Loretta Fern	-	West Phila	Marian Jones	-	West Phila
Robin Irizzary	-	North Phila	Lydia Wilkins	-	South Phila
Fred Withrow	-	North Phila			

MULCH IN YOUR GARDEN:

1) HELPS KEEP THE SOIL MOIST
AND
2) CONTROLS THE GROWTH OF WEEDS

Use a 3 to 6 inch layer of woodchips, leaves or straw around the base of each plant. Or you can put down a thin layer of newspaper or black plastic weighted at the edges.

SPRING HAS SPRUNG

To each new PHILADELPHIA GREEN garden club, spring can mean a green dream come true - starting a vegetable garden or sitting garden, planting street trees and shrubs or adding a dash of color with flowers in window boxes and tire urns.

This spring quite a few new groups have already joined PHILADELPHIA GREEN by greening their neighborhoods.

STREET TREE AND CURBSIDE PLANTER BLOCKS

5800 Delancey	1700 Ellsworth	2500 N 20th	2400 N 21st
2000 W Hagert	2300 Sargeant	1400 N 28th	1700 N Aberdeen
2100 Stella	2300 N Woodstock	5800 Sansom	

SITTING GARDENS

2114 N 20th	1473 N 53rd	1345 S 19th	802-20 N 44th

COMMUNITY GROUP-OF-THE-MONTH

The West Shore Civic Corporation of Southwest Philadelphia held its Third Annual Plant (and Food) Sale on Saturday, May 9th at the group's community center. From early morning until later afternoon, HELEN FEGGANS (WSCC president and PG Advisory Board member) and her neighbors sold cut carnations, flower plants, houseplants, plant arrangements and "finger-lickin' " food. The proceeds of the sale will help renovate the group's community center.

> If your group has organized a fund-raiser that works, other groups can use your ideas. Call us at 625-8280 and let us know.

DOES YOUR GARDEN NEED ROTOTILLING?

The four men listed below are community gardeners who will charge to rototill your garden.

Mr. Camp	Mr. John	Mr. Butler	Mr. Carey
386-6483	225-8475	879-8439 or 471-9986	(will rototill large gardens) 438-6598

FREE SEEDS

We've just heard about a source of FREE SEEDS for Community Groups. For more information, write:

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL
219 Shoreham Building
Washington, DC 20005

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* SUMMER HOURS *
* You can call the *
* PHILADELPHIA GREEN Office *
* 8:30 to 4:30 Monday through Friday *
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TO CITY GARDEN CONTESTANTS

Judges will call in late June or early July to schedule a visit to your garden or block. Until that time, good gardening and good luck!

HARVEST REMINDER

Once you've planted the garden, keep the seed packets for the variety names - information you'll need to enter your harvest in the Show.

THE SPECIAL COMMUNITY GARDENERS' HARVEST SHOW BULLETIN IS COMING SOON!

SEEING IS BELIEVING

Think you saw yourself on T. V. recently? Maybe you did. Herb Clarke, Weather Reporter for TV 10 and Honorary Chair of the City Garden Contest celebrated the area's official frost-free date on May 15th with the gardeners of Aspen Farms (49th & Aspen).

Two weeks later, Herb stopped by several North Philadelphia blocks with Hal Rosner and Blaine Bonham of the PHILADELPHIA GREEN staff. The crew filmed the neighbors of 1800 N Taylor Street planting flowers in window boxes and tire urns. The cameras rolled on at two new Sitting Gardens: Hope Springs (2114 N 20th) and the Grant Memorial (2462 N 16th), and the vegetable gardens at 15th & Venango.

CLEAN UP!

The City's giving a hand to community groups that want to CLEAN UP! Philadelphia. Call The Clean City Hotline for information on:

Neighborhood and community activities
AND
What to do about
* inadequate city services
* abandoned cars
* trash and debris pickup
* vacant houses
* clogged storm sewers

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* Clean City HOTLINE: MU6-5646 *
* Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 5 PM *
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MORE FREE SEEDS

Last month we gave you a source of free seeds in Washington. Now there's a local but limited supply of flower and vegetable seeds (packed in 1980). For more information, please call Denise or Betty at 625-8280.

PARKSIDE CELEBRATES!

The Parkside (West Philadelphia) Association of Philadelphia held it Fourth Annual Inspirational Dinner on the evening of June 7th. Earlier that day, the new sitting garden at 5228 Parkside Avenue was dedicated and named to honor Ella Francis, founder and president of the Parkside Association and Advisory Board member of PHILADELPHIA GREEN.

COMMUNITY GROUP-OF-THE-MONTH

Garden Club members of 2400 N 16th Street, working with PHILADELPHIA GREEN on plans for a sitting garden early this spring, could only imagine how everything might turn out. To put a finishing touch on the garden, the group raised money for a chain link fence by sponsoring a bus trip, raffling off a t.v., and taking donations.

See how well their efforts paid off. Stop by the Grant Memorial Sitting Garden at 16th and Cumberland. (You may have already seen it on TV 10).

PHILADELPHIA EVEN GREENER

Joining the many member blocks of PHILADELPHIA GREEN this spring are the following new groups:

SITTING GARDENS

1911 N 23rd	2462 N 16th	2256 Greenwich
2040-42 N 18th	2400 Madison	2245 Oakford
3006-08 N Croskey	1800 Reed	5228 Parkside

GARDEN BLOCKS

2800 W Opal	2900 N Van Pelt	6200 Belfield	2200 Wharton
2000 Poplar	700 Corinthian	3800 Brown	1200 S Bonsall
2000 York	1400 N 53rd	3700 Brandywine	2000 Catherine
3200 Columbia	5200 Harlan	1400 N Frazier	1100 W Oakdale
1800 Stiles	6100 Chew	2000 Titan	2100 Manton
1600 N Natrona	6200 Chew	2000 Manton	2100 Christian
2900 Diamond	5900 Norwood	2100 Ellsworth	Norris Square
1700 Edgely	6200 Clearview	2100 Oakford	

VEGETABLE GARDENS

Vine & Pearl Streets	1958-60 Windrim	450 Hewson
701-05 Mercy		

SUMMER TREE CARE

Tree stakes left broken and hanging by loose wires can damage young trees. You can help by cutting the wires from around the trunk and removing the stakes from the tree pit.

There's something you can also do about the sprouts that pop out of tree trunks. Use a sharp pruner and make a cut at the base of each sucker (that's just what it's called) where it has sprouted from the trunk.

PERSISTENT PERENNIALS

Are the irises in your garden rubbing elbows with the daylilies. Are you fighting with candytuft and purple loosestrife to find out who's boss? If your club needs a workshop on dividing perennials (any herbaceous plant that comes back year after year), or would like to share some extra plants with another PHILADELPHIA GREEN garden club, call Pat Schrieber at 625-8286.

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HARVEST SHOW

Show Dates: September 26th and 27th

Deadline for returning registration form: August 28th

Your entries will score extra points at the Show if you include the variety name (such as Big Girl Tomato). Save your seed packets so you'll know the plant names when you bring your harvest to show registration on September 24th and 25th.

IF YOU HAVEN'T RECEIVED YOUR HARVEST SHOW SCHEDULE, CALL DENISE OR BETTY AT 625-8280,

SPECIAL HARVEST SHOW CLASSES

Harvest Table Challenge: There's always tough competition among the Community Gardeners' Harvest Tables at the Harvest Show. This year, the group of ten Tables has been divided into 2 classes. Five blue and red ribbon winners from previous years will compete in one class. In the other class, five new groups will have their first chance to show off their efforts. What's a Harvest Table, you ask? Call Alexandra at 625-8285 or Sharon Turner at CE2-1230 to find out. Be sure to register early.

Window Boxes: Does someone from your block have the best window box in town? Blocks can enter one window box in the name of their garden club. Send in the registration form now, so your block can be one of the 10 participants.

WATER NEWS

Since mid-spring, we've had more rain than was expected. The City of Philadelphia's WATER DEPARTMENT recently lifted some bans on water use. When watering your garden, remember:

1) Water either BEFORE 10 AM or AFTER 5 PM (If you water in the late afternoon or evening, avoid wetting the leaves).
2) CONSERVE WATER. You must put a shut-off nozzle on your garden hose. No sprinklers allowed.
3) Only VEGETABLE GARDENS with special FIRE HYDRANT PERMITS may use water from hydrants this summer.
4) MULCH! MULCH! MULCH keeps the soil moist and controls weeds. You can obtain free woodchips or garden compost at Fairmount Park's
   Recycling Center
   Ford Road & Chamounix Drive (West of Schuylkill River, near Strawberry Mansion Bridge)
   Monday through Saturday - Hours: 8:30 to 4:00

PHILADELPHIA GREEN T-SHIRTS FOR SALE

Shirts are GREEN and are available in adult sizes: small, medium, large and extra-large. For more information, call Denise or Betty at 625-8280.

"POINT BREEZE" GREEN!

Earlier this year, the POINT BREEZE FEDERATION Beautification Committee, headed by Haroldline Trower (PG Advisory Board Member), encouraged a number of block groups in that South Philadelphia neighborhood to become PHILADELPHIA GREEN Garden Clubs. In May and June, neighbors from Point Breeze had planted 8 garden blocks, 6 sitting gardens, and 2 street tree/planter blocks.

Congratulations to the Committee and residents of Point Breeze for making Philadelphia Green.

TENDER LOVING CARE (T.L.C.) MAKES A WINNER

Give your plants a boost in fighting the hot, dry weather this summer. You can help trees, shrubs, and flowers stay healthy and green if you remember the following tips.

HOW OFTEN YOU SHOULD WATER:

Newly planted trees and shrubs can be watered every 3 or 4 days; the amount of water used depends on how much rain has falled in a week's time. Water established plants about once a week. And MULCH everything!

Garden annuals and perennials must be watered more frequently - as much as once a day when it's very hot.

Lawns should be mowed so that the cut grass is at least 3 inches high for a better root system that will require less water. NO SPRINKLERS ALLOWED. Water carefully and thoroughly.

Plants in containers rely on frequent watering. How often and how much depends on 1) the amount of sunlight and 2) the type of soil: sandy soil dries out faster than clay soil. Generally, water thoroughly once a day. A light watering wets the upper layer of soil without reaching the roots. In very hot weather, the plants may even be watered twice a day. Use care when watering on a sunny day. If water remains on the flowers or leaves, the sun may burn the plant.

WHEN TO WATER:

Water early in the morning when possible. WATER DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS require watering BEFORE 10 AM or AFTER 5 PM.

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We're all DEAD-HEADING at PHILADELPHIA GREEN this summer. (No, that doesn't mean we're taking time off!) Dead-heading means removing old flowers from an annual plant (such as marigold, begonia, geranium, and petunia) to make it grow bigger and have more flowers. Just pinch off each wilted flower and its stem back to the closest set of leaves.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL CITY GARDEN CONTESTANTS!!!!

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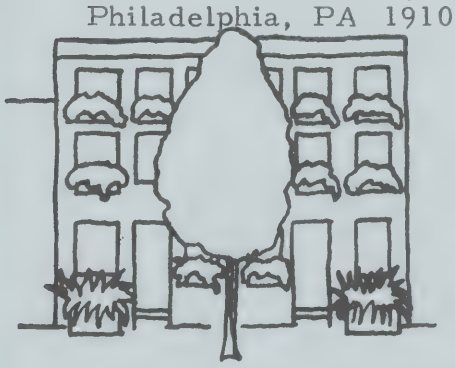

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HARVEST SHOW CALENDAR

Registration.....Thursday, September 24, 5 to 8 PM
Friday, September 25, 7:30 to 10:30 AM

Dates of Show..... Saturday, September 26th and
Sunday, September 27th

Harvest Party.....Saturday, September 26, 6 to 8:30 PM
PINK TICKET ORDER FORM ATTACHED

Be sure to register your community garden for the Harvest Show. Fill in the white form attached to the Harvest Show Booklet and send it in so that we know how many gardens are planning to enter something in the Show. Deadline for returning the form is August 28th.

IF YOU HAVEN'T RECEIVED YOUR HARVEST SHOW BOOKLET, CALL DENISE OR BETTY AT 625-8280.

SPECIAL HARVEST SHOW CLASSES

There will be more than vegetables at this year's Harvest Show. Community gardeners can register for one or more of the following classes:

SCARECROWS (Class 73) --- We've already spotted some terrific guardians of the gardens this summer. Plan to bring yours to the Show and he/she just might win a blue ribbon for your community garden!

BOUNTY BY THE BASKET (Classes 60 through 66) --- Fill a basket or shallow container with at least 5 vegetables of at least 3 varieties (no more than three of the same variety), arrange them for the best effect and bring the basket to Show registration.

WINDOW BOXES (Class 98) --- Who has the best window box on your block? They might help win a prize at the Show if the window box is registered in the name of your garden block. Be sure to send the registration form soon since there's a limit of 10 entries. Size of the box may not be greater than 12"x12"x48".

WHAT'S NEW AT THE 1981 HARVEST SHOW

ROSES -- Many garden blocks and community gardens in Philadelphia have beautiful roses blooming all summer long. This year, you can enter your group's favorite roses in the Harvest Show. Select a few of the healthiest flowers from each bush and bring them to Show registration. For information on Roses, see Section L, page 17, in the Harvest Show Booklet.

HERBS -- If anyone has been growing herbs in your community garden let them know about the HERB CLASSES in this year's Show. When preparing to bring the herbs to Show registration, be sure to label them with common names. Check the Harvest Show Booklet, Section M, page 17, for more information.

1981 COMMUNITY RECOGNITION DINNER

DATE:	Friday, October 23rd
TIME:	Cash Bar at 6PM Dinner at 7 PM
COST:	$11.00 per person
PLACE:	Palumbo's 8th & Catherine Streets
GUEST SPEAKER:	W. Wilson Goode, Managing Director of the City of Philadelphia
ENTERTAINMENT:	Bobby Rydell

Check your mail box for your dinner invitation at the end of August.

MORE FLOWERS IN LATE SUMMER

Here's a tip to keep you annual flowers blooming longer this season. Prune back wilted flowers as well as several inches of foliage. Within the next several weeks, you'll see new shoots bearing more flower buds. Cut specimens of annuals can be entered in the Harvest Show. Look at Section H, page 15, in the Harvest Show Booklet for more details.

ANNUAL PHILADELPHIA GREEN GARDEN TOUR, AUGUST 4th

A producer and the film crew from Channel 6's VISIONS accompanied the PHILADELPHIA GREEN staff, Advisory Board members, and representatives of city agencies and corporate foundations on a whirlwind tour of some of Philadelphia's finest garden projects. VISIONS is planning a special program on community gardening which will be broadcast sometime in early October (just after the Harvest Show). Come to the Harvest Party, and you might end up on TV.

A REAL WINNER

The Garden Club of ASPEN FARMS, winner of last year's City Gardens Contest, held its Second Annual Garden Party at the end of July. What were they celebrating? 6400 square feet of luscious-looking vegetables and a sitting garden that forms a 12 foot wide (and 160 feet long) parkway down the center of the garden. Congratulations!

GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK!

A fond farewell to Natalie Kempner of the Norris Square Neighborhood Project who has served on the PHILADELPHIA GREEN Advisory Board for the past two years. Natalie and her husband are off to live in England for the next year.

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JOIN OUR HARVEST CELEBRATION!

We're all looking forward to the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's Annual Harvest Show on Saturday, September 26th and Sunday, September 27th at Memorial Hall in Fairmount Park. The Harvest Show will be open from 10 AM to 5 PM both days. Admission is $2.00 for adults and $1.50 for children under 12.

The Community Gardens Competitive Classes, co-sponsored by PHILADELPHIA GREEN and Penn State's URBAN GARDENING Program, will be featured at this year's Show, with top quality vegetables, flowers, harvest tables, window boxes and scarecrows from all over Philadelphia.

The Community Gardeners' HARVEST PARTY will be held on Saturday, September 26th from 6 to 8:30 PM. Only those people with Harvest Party tickets will be admitted free of charge.

CALLING ALL COMMUNITY GARDENERS

It's not too late to register your prize-winning crops for the Harvest Show. We can always find room for more entries in the competitive classes, so send in your garden's registration form TODAY!

> We're enclosing an extra Harvest Show registration form in case you need it.

Each class that you enter requires a specified number of vegetables or flowers. If you happen to have less than the number needed, you can combine the best to make a collection of at least 5 different vegetables for Classes 60 through 66 or a collection of flowers, Class 67.

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We welcome unexpected entries (except Harvest Tables and Window Boxes) at Harvest Show Registration.

> HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT THE HARVEST SHOW OR PARTY?
> CALL ALEXANDRA OR DENISE AT 625-8280.

HARVEST SHOW RULES:

1) All Community Gardens Competitive Class entries are to be made on Thursday, September 24th, between 5 and 8 PM, or Friday, September 25th, between 7:30 and 10:30 AM.

> NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 10:30, FRIDAY MORNING.
> NO ENTRIES CAN BE MADE ON SATURDAY OR SUNDAY.

2) All Show entries must be grown in a Community Garden or on a Garden Block.

3) All entries in the Community Gardens Competitive Classes must be made in the name of the Community Garden or Garden Block except for the Canned Product Classes 2 through 46 (see page 18 in the Harvest Show Booklet).

4) Only one entry per garden will be accepted in all Competitve Classes except for Class 142 - Any Other Vegetable.

5) You can earn more points with the variety names; bring seed packets or markers for the crops you'll exhibit so you can write the names on the entry tags.

HARVEST SHOW RULES (Continued)

6) Containers for all FLOWER and GREENS classes will be provided by PHS.

7) Containers used for COLLECTION OF VEGETABLES and HARVEST TABLE Classes must be provided by exhibitors. Mark the bottom of each container with name, garden and phone number.

8) Entries in the CONTAINER GROWN VEGETABLES, FRUITS AND ANNUALS Classes 74 through 97 must be displayed in the containers in which they've been grown.

9) Any entry that wilts during the two-day show will be removed. Ribbons on winning entries will be saved for pickup by exhibitors.

10) All exhibitors will receive special buttons at Show registration so they can remove their entries on Sunday, September 27th, after 5:15 PM.

11) All entries must be claimed by 5:30 PM on Sunday, September 27th. Ribbons on remaining entries will be mailed to the Garden Chairperson.

12) Come prepared on Sunday. Bring bags or boxes to carry your entries home.

PLANNING ON CANNING?

Enter those fruits of your garden labors which you've canned this season. Bring your best pickles, relishes, preserves, wines or vinegars and join the fun.

For more information, check pages 18 and 19 in the Harvest Show booklet.

THE ANNUAL JUNIOR FLOWER SHOW: LET'S BLOOM TOGETHER

EXHIBITORS' AGES:	Kindergarden through 12th Grade
DATES:	November 19th, 20th and 21st
PLACE:	First Bank of the United States Third Street between Chestnut and Walnut Streets

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL AUNT OR UNCLE DAISY AT 625-8250.

COME TO THE CABARET!!

PHILADELPHIA GREEN will again host its annual dinner to recognize the efforts of all those block organizations that have succeeded in cleaning and greening Philadelphia.

The dinner will be held on Friday, October 23rd, at Palumbo's, 8th and Catharine Streets. W. Wilson Goode, the City's Managing Director will be guest speaker, and Bobby Rydell will be the featured entertainment. The cash bar opens at 6 PM, with dinner at 7 PM. The cost per person is $11.00. For more information, call Denise at 625-8280.

DEADLINE FOR DINNER RESERVATIONS IS OCTOBER 2nd

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WHAT'S HAPPENING?	The Annual Community Recognition Dinner
WHEN?	Friday, October 23rd - Cash bar open at 6PM Dinner at 7 PM - Show at 9:30 PM
WHERE?	Palumbo's - 8th & Catharine Streets
GUEST SPEAKER	W. Wilson Goode, Philadelphia's Managing Director
ENTERTAINMENT	Bobby Rydell and live band music
DEADLINE EXTENDED	To Friday, October 9th!!!

Send in your reservations and look forward to a fun time.

Misplaced your invitation - Call Denise at 625-8280

BIG WINNERS AT THE HARVEST SHOW

Eighty community gardens brought almost 600 entries to this year's HARVEST SHOW at Memorial Hall, September 26th and 27th. Luscious-looking vegetables and flowers were entered in more than 300 competitive classes. Ten groups arranged attractive displays of their bounty in the Harvest Table class. Scarecrows entered by community gardeners were the hit of the Show, topped off by the Saturday night HARVEST PARTY.

VISIONS OF PHILADELPHIA GREEN

WPVI-TV (channel 6) is featuring PHILADELPHIA GREEN's community gardening program on Visions, with highlights of our summer garden tour and the Harvest Party. Tune in on Sunday, November 1st at 7:30 PM.

SWEEPSTAKES PRIZES

Those gardens winning the most points based on the total number of ribbons awarded to them received special Sweepstakes Prizes including shrubs or dwarf fruit trees for the gardens (provided by Snipes Farm and Nursery in Morrisville), a $20 gift certificate from the W. Atlee Burpee Seed Company, and an Awards Certificate from the Horticultural Society. The Winners are:

	LARGE GARDENS	SMALL GARDENS
First	4300 & 4310 Sansom	Friend's Hospital - Young People's Unit
Second	56th & Haverford	2100 N 20th Street
Third	3rd & Christian	28th & Cambria
Honorable Mention	1500 Greys Ferry	4245 Sansom
	Belmont Village	29th & Oakford #7
		28-32 Reger Street

HARVEST TABLE WINNERS

	BLUE & RED RIBBON SPECIAL	NOVICE CLASS
First	56th & Haverford	4300 & 4310 Sansom
Second	3rd & Christian	Gethsemane (Vine & Pearl)
Third	10th & Mt. Vernon	Ren-Par Park (44th & Brown)
Honorable Mention	9th & Glenwood	1500 Greys Ferry
	2100 N 20th	27th & Master

IN ADDITION, The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society Community Gardens Sweepstakes Certificate to the Community Garden winning the greates number of blue ribbons in the Show was awarded to: 56th & Haverford - Chair, Hazel Felton.

Pat Green, the Mayor's wife, presented Certificates of Excellence to 4300/4310 Sansom and 56th & Haverford, the Community Garden Harvest Table Winners.

CITY GARDENS CONTEST WINNERS

Winners in the City Gardens Contest were honored at a sepcial Awards night on September 15th. In addition to a Herb Clarke hand shake and membership in the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, first place winners received $50, second place $25 and third $10 Park Seed gift certificates. Winners are as follows:

Community Sitting Gardens:

	GARDEN	CAPTAIN
1st	319 Emily Street	Mark Schoenholtz
2nd	2042 Manton	Haroldline Trower
	Perth Park,	
	419 S Perth	Eugene Mopsik
	2413 N 19th	Virginia Walker
	Aspen Farms,	
	49th & Aspen	Louise Gee
	3024-40 N Orianna	Edith & Sonny Brown
3rd	5918 Arch	Evelyn LeVere
	1234-40 S 47th	Sylvia Anderson
	3600 N Percy	Emma Roy
	2006-08 E Hazzard	Georgina Shaw

Community Vegetable Gardens - Large

1st	4245 Sansom	Louisa McCoubrey
2nd	Aspen Farms,	
	49th & Aspen	Louise Gee
	1924-28 N Uber	R.W. Robinson
	4310-14 Sansom	Ruth Flounders
	1901-09 Glenwood	Grover Willis
	29th & Oakford #9	Lucille Collins
3rd	315 W Apsley	H. N. Conley
	2229-33 N 12th	Rose Keller
	5222-26 Parkside	Louis Hayes

Greenest Block In Town

1st	2100 Wharton	Estelle Gelzer
2nd	2200 Oakford	Mae Lanier
	3100 N Camac	Fanny Jenkins
	2400 W Seybert	Gertrude Epps
	1600 N Dover	Beatrice Wakefield
3rd	2000 Solly	Hannelore Christenson
	2300 St. Albans	Marguerite Diggs
	1400 S 47th	Marian Jones

Community Container Blocks

	BLOCK	CAPTAIN
1st	2500 N 20th	Donna Thorpe
2nd	2600 W Master	Estella Bonaparte
	2100 Oakford	Willie Rockmore
	1200 S Bonsall	Sarah Crawford
3rd	5100 Heston	Christine Norman
	2000 Poplar	Lillian Bryant
	2000 W Glenwood	Geraldine Cade
	2100 W Stella	Janet Williams
	2100 W York	Ethel Ransome
	1700 W Edgely	Dolly Pickney

Community Vegetable Gardens - Small

1st	4300 Sansom	Frank Keiser
2nd	3039 N Orianna	Sonny Brown
	2408-12 N Newkirk	Mable Gulledge
	2655 W Seltzer	Mrs. Mobley
	3301 N 21st	William Lofton
	1416-20 S Colorado	Vivian Kelsey
	1330 S 18th	Leroy Howell
	714 Chadwick	Almina Smelley
3rd	729 N 17th	Alberta Wineglass
	1518-20 Stiles	Aleda Harmon
	1804-12 Sharswood	Louise Werts
	39th & Reno	Cassandra Taylor
	2842-46 N Opal	Ann Wells

CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL!

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COMMUNITY RECOGNITION DINNER

PHILADELPHIA GREEN hosted its Third Annual Community Recognition Dinner on Friday, October 23rd at Palumbo's in South Philadelphia.

Blaine Bonham, the program's director, greeted the 485 guests. Guest speaker *W. Wilson Goode*, Managing Director offered congratulations for their untiring efforts in greening their communities, recognizing their contributions to the city. And he announced a partnership between the City and PHILADELPHIA GREEN in promoting a city-wide "Green-up and Clean-up" campaign.

Awards recognizing the dedication of participating groups were given to 45 vegetable gardens; 36 garden blocks; 18 street tree/curbside planter blocks and 14 sitting gardens.

The 1981 "Green Thumb of the Year" award was presented to *Haroldline Trower*, Chair of the Point Breeze Beautification Committee. Special recognition was conferred upon *Mr. Goode* as the "Clean Thumb of the Year" for his leadership in Mayor Green's "Clean-Up! Philadelphia" effort.

Bobby Rydell, who provided the after-dinner entertainment, received a PHILADELPHIA GREEN tee-shirt as souvenir of the memorable evening.

YULETIDE GREENINGS

PHILADELPHIA GREEN invites your community group to sponsor a Neighborhood Christmas Workshop. If you know that at least ten neighbors are interested in making attractive decorations for the Christmas season, and you have a place for the workshop, call *Lance Mason* at 625-8288 to arrange a time and date.

A $3.00 fee per person will entitle each participant to make one project.

CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP AT PHS

The PHILADELPHIA GREEN staff will also conduct a decoration-making workshop here at PHS headquarters on Saturday, December 12th from 1 to 3 PM. We will demonstrate how to make table centerpieces, door swags and wreaths, using fresh evergreens, ribbons and wire.

Workshop participants can also count on learning other decorating ideas at the PHS Christmas Exhibit, on display at 325 Walnut Street during the month of December.

Space is limited, so register early. The prepaid registration fee is $3.00 per person which entitles you to make one project. Complete the form below and return it with check or money order payable to the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society. There will be NO REFUNDS.

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NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ ZIP _____

No. Attending _____ Total Amount Enclosed $ _____

Return form to: Lance Mason
PHILADELPHIA GREEN
The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society
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Philadelphia, PA 19106

CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP AT PHS

TYING UP LOOSE ENDS IN THE VEGETABLE GARDEN

Here are some end-of-the season tips on preparing your vegetable garden now for next spring:

1) Enrich garden soil with healthy leaves, clippings, stalks and vines left from the harvest. DISCARD DISEASED PLANTS. Adding organic matter to your garden keeps the soil crumbly and easy to work. Shread or chop these garden remains, spread them over the top of the soil in your plot, and dig them down about six inches into the soil.

2) Make a sketch of this year's garden to remind you where you planted the different kinds of vegetables. When planning next year's garden, remember that crops like corn and greens (which use lots of nitrogen) can be planted where beans and peas grew this year. Rotation of cole crops such as broccoli, cauliflower and kale to a different growing spot next year can prevent damage from clubroot (slime mold) which remains in the soil where a cole crop plant has been infected.

3) List your garden favorites so you can order more seeds this winter.

4) Clean all tools and store in a dry place.

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* A Complete list of 1981 Harvest Show winners is available upon request. *
* Call Betty or Denise at 625-8280. *
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GET READY FOR WINTER

For the tree in front of your house, or the shrubs and perennials (plants like iris and daylily that grow back each spring) growing in containers along your block and in your garden, now's the time to prepare them for the long winter ahead.

MULCH with a 2 or 3 inch layer of leaves or woodchips, placed around the base of each plant. This mulch layer will help keep the soil moist and protect the plant roots during the winter months.

WATER all outdoor plants (including trees, shrubs, perennials, lawns and cover crops in vegetable gardens) thoroughly each week unless there's been one inch or more of rainfall per week. Be sure to check on the watering from now until the ground freezes hard in late December.

If the soil around the roots contains enough water when the ground freezes, your plants will survive the winter without drying out.

A GREENER PHILADELPHIA

More blocks have joined in the greening of Philadelphia this fall and a PHILADELPHIA GREEN welcome is extended to the following groups:

STREET TREES/CURBSIDE PLANTERS

West Phila	South Phila	North Phila
6200 Callowhill	1800 Manton	1700 Wylie
5200 Delancey	2100 Federal	1200/1300 N 23rd
5300 Delancey	1900 Sigel	1400 N 28th
5700 Delancey	1800 Titan	2300 Firth
100 N St. Bernard		3000 N 21st
		1800 Stiles
		800 N 6th

SITTING GARDENS

3828 Brown	2100 St. Albans	1906 Cambridge
422 S 61st	2714-16 Oakford	1539 Norris

VEGETABLE GARDENS

723 Shedwick/3408 Mantua	3000 W Susquehanna
	800 N 20th
	3200 W Columbia
	1700 W Olive

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CHRISTMAS IN THE DELAWARE VALLEY

THE PENNSYLVANIA HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY, 325 Walnut Street

Share the spirit at the Christmas Show, created by PHS staff, members and groups such as the *43rd & Sansom Street Neighbors*, headed by *Frank Keiser and Ruth Flounders*. This year's show, which features decorated tables and room sections, will be open December 1 to 23, at PHS headquarters, Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 5 PM, and one weekend, December 19 and 20, from 11 AM to 3PM. **Admission is free.**

BARTRAM'S GARDENS, 54th & Lindbergh Boulevard

A Holiday Greens Sale and Tour will be held at Bartram's Gardens, December 11, 12 and 13, from 1 PM to 8 PM each day. The gardens are located in southwest Philadelphia and SEPTA's #52 bus will take you there. **Admission is free.**

LONGWOOD GARDENS, Kennett Square, PA

"Storybook Trees" is this year's Christmas theme in the conservatories at Longwood Gardens, open December 5 to January 2, from 10 AM to 9 PM. The gardens are located on Route 1 in Kennett Square. Call 1-388-6744 for more information. **Admission is $3.00 per person.**

WINTERTHUR, Winterthur, DE

"Yuletide at Winterthur" will be celebrated from November 24 to January 3. Furnished rooms, decorated for the season, will be open daily from 10 AM to 4 PM. Winterthur (located near Longwood Gardens) can be reached by taking Route 1 through Chadds Ford, then left on Route 52 towards Wilmington. Call (302) 654-1548 for more information. **Admission is $2.00 per person.**

ADVISORY BOARD NOTES

The PHILADELPHIA GREEN (PG) staff sends a special thank you to nine retiring Advisory Board members who served on various planning sub-committees during the past two years:

David Brann	James Brown	Judge Hall
Natalie Kempner	Charlotte Lewis	Mattie Robbins
Tomasita Romero	Cleotis Toran	Esther Williams

ANOTHER WINNER

Officers of the Opportunities Industrialization Centers (OIC) presented the 1981 Sol and Rose Feinstone Awards to 5 community groups at their annual dinner in late October. *Almina Smelley*, block captain of the 1600 block of Swain Street, accepted a $200 prize awarded to her community for excellence in the Garden Division.

Almina, a member of the PG Advisory Board for the past two years, has helped establish five vegetable gardens in her neighborhood since 1975. Congratulations to Almina and the Swain Street Neighbors.

THE NEWS IS OUT ON THE CHINATOWN GARDEN

The Chinatown Garden, located on the busy corner of 10th & Vine, is already well known to many Philadelphians. The very successful intensive gardening practiced there has now received national attention in the November/December issue of Gardens for All, published by the National Association of Gardening.

Chinatown gardeners follow ancient Chinese traditions, growing highly productive yields in small plots, each measuring only 3½ feet by 8 feet in area. The garden is sponsored by the Philadelphia Chinatown Development Corporation, headed by *Cecelia Yep* (PG Advisory Board).

BLOCKS SPRUCE UP FOR CHRISTMAS

Christmas will be even greener on the 5200 and 5300 blocks of Delancey Street. Residents on both blocks, headed by *Inez Hunter, the Wilkinsons, and Joe Palin*, have joined together with PHILADELPHIA GREEN to plant evergreen shurbs in curbside planters. Garlands of Christmas lights reaching from 52nd Street at one end to 54th at the other will be the topper on this year's display.

TOGETHER AT THE 1981 JUNIOR FLOWER SHOW

One thousand seven hundred visitors attended this year's PHS Junior Flower Show, "Let's Bloom Together", held November 19 through 21 at the First Bank of the United States in Independence Hall National Park.

Donna Thorpe and Almina Smelley, PG Advisory Board members, co-chaired the Exhibitor's Aides who staged more than 700 entries and 10 special exhibits presented by Delaware Valley students, Kindergarten through 12th grade. *Sharon Turner* (Advisory Board) and *Andrew Robinson*, a Community gardener from West Philadelphia, joined *Carol Sclafani, Denise Flores, Celeste Schindler, Hal Rosner* as *"Uncle Daisy"* and other show committee members to help make this the best Junior Flower Show yet.

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Oh Christmas Tree, Oh Christmas Tree, so bountiful and lovely,
So laden down with gardening gifts, your branches full above me,
The sight of greens at Christmastide
Bring memories of summer's pride,
When parks grew green on vacant lot
And neighbors work the harvest brought.

Doug
Jean
Anne
Blaine
Denise
Pat
Carol
Janice
Gail
Cuyuanda
Kit
Betty

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, PHILADELPHIA

Thirty Philadelphia neighborhoods have been selected to be part of the "Only in Philadelphia" Neighborhoods Festival to help celebrate the city's 300th birthday party. The festivities, planned for three weekends next August and sponsored by the Century IV Celebration Committee, will give Philadelphians a chance to explore a diversity of neighborhoods, right in their own backyard.

It comes as no surprise that three communities active in PHILADELPHIA GREEN were among the groups chosen: Center City's **CHINATOWN**, West Philadelphia's **WEST PARKSIDE** and North Philadelphia's **HAGERT STREET GREENE COUNTRIE TOWNE**.

We look forward to the summer celebrations with our PG friends and neighbors, and will let you know where and when they will take place.

CITY COUNCIL CONGRATULATES PHILADELPHIA COMMUNITY GARDENERS

During Farm-City Week last November, Philadelphia's City Council passed a resolution recognizing the efforts of Community Gardeners throughout the city. Accepting the honor on behalf of all community gardeners were *Frank Keiser* (PG Advisory Board member) and other members of the 43rd and Sansom Street Neighbors.

We'd like to add our **CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL!**

WHAT'S NEW

We've just chosen five new garden assistants to work with PHILADELPHIA GREEN: *Victoria Greene* of Germantown and *Charles Bryant, Jo Ann Fishburn, Tareena McGill* and *Patricia Respass*, all of West Philadelphia. They join the seven assistants who have worked with PG since last Spring: *Antonio Bonaparte, Linda Daniels, Loretta Fern, Mildred Heckstall, Marian Jones, Leonard Tanzymore* and *Lydia Wilkins*.

All twelve garden assistants will participate in a winter training program, in preparation for the 1982 planting season.

COMING SOON

PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW

Get ready for yet another green miracle at the 1982 Philadelphia Flower Show, *March 7th through March 14th*. Sponsored by the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, this year's show, "Penn's Greene Countrie Towne" will help kick-off Philadelphia's 300th birthday celebration.

LOCATION:	Civic Center, 34th Street and Civic Center Boulevard
HOURS:	Sundays, 10 AM to 6 PM Monday through Saturday, 10 AM to 9:30 PM
ADMISSION:	$5.00 for adults, $2.50 for children under 12 Advance sale tickets: $4.25, available at PHS, 325 Walnut Street.

PENN STATE'S URBAN GARDENING PROGRAM is presenting a series of winter workshops. For information on the workshop schedule, call the Garden Phone, 224-7870.

SEEDS FOR 1982 GARDENS

The 1982 catalogs have arrived. Here are several new varieties to whet you gardening appetites. *Parks Burpless Bush Cucumber* is a real space-saver for gardeners with small plots. If you're planning container-grown vegetables, *Burpee's Zippy Hybrid Pepper* (mildy hot) will put some zing in your cooking. New selections well-suited for a window box or hanging basket are *Park's Orange Cascade Geranium* and *Burpee's Basket King Tomato*.

What, no catalogs? Listed below are a few companies offering a variety of vegetable and flower seeds. Send you name and address to receive a free copy of their 1982 catalogs:

Burpee Seed Company
300 Park Avenue
Warminster, PA 18974

George W. Parks Seed Company
Cokesbury Road
Greenwood, SC 29647

John Harris Company, Inc.
12 Moreton Farm
Rochester, NY 14624

Thompson & Morgan
P.O. Box 100
Farmingdale, NJ 07727

PICNIC IN THE PARK

The close-to-freezing temperatures on December 5th couldn't chill the spirits of the folks on the 2700 block of Oakford Street (South Philadelphia). They were too busy warming up at a cold-weather barbecue, complete with hot dogs and hot chocolate, celebrating the completion of their new sitting garden.

RECYCLE CHRISTMAS GREENS

Evergreen trees and wreaths from Christmas can be recycled for use in your gardens. Lay cut branches as an insulating blanket of mulch on the soil around the base of each tree and shrub or add the greens to the garden compost pile.

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PHILADELPHIA GREEN ADVISORY BOARD

Willie Mae Bullock, Chair of the PHILADELPHIA GREEN Advisory Board, welcomed eleven new members at the board's last meeting on January 19th. The new members joining us are:

Lou Allen
Mary W. Brown
Marie Bryant
Jessie Carter
Mae Lanier
Mary Lewis
Joe Revlock
Efrain Rios
Blanche Smith
Ruth Wilkins
Janet Williams

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Philadelphia's CITY COUNCIL will be holding hearings soon on the 1982 budget for the Office of Housing and Community Development, which includes the refunding of PHILADELPHIA GREEN (PG).

The PG ADVISORY BOARD is busy working on another campaign to demonstrate broad-based support for PG. Since the positive response of PG gardeners helped so much last year, we hope you will join us again in even tougher competition for funding.

Watch your mailbox for further details.

GARDEN SUPPLY SERVICE

Is your garden club interested in buying garden supplies through PHILADELPHIA GREEN?

By now you've received information about our Garden Supply Service. In case you want to send in your group's order, you have a week to go. (Deadline: February 23rd)

So talk with the other members of your garden club, and check the order form. Find out which supplies they need and compile an order for the whole group.

Mail the form to PHILADELPHIA GREEN, along with a check or money order, payable to the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society.

ALL ORDERS MUST BE IN BY FEBRUARY 23rd.

Have any questions about the service? Call 625-8280.

PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW, *March 7th through 14th*

PLACE:	Civic Center, 34th and Civic Center Boulevard
HOURS:	Sundays, 10 AM to 6 PM Monday through Saturday, 10 AM to 9:30 PM
ADMISSION:	Adults, $5.00, children under 12, $2.50 Advance sale tickets, $4.25, available at PHS, 325 Walnut Street

SAVINGS ON SEEDS

Now your community garden or organization can save seed money on packets of 8 varieties of vegetable seeds including beans, beets, carrots, cucumbers, lettuce, peas, radish and zucchini squash - **ALL AT DISCOUNT PRICES** (about 14¢ per packet).

Order # FP-100, containing 100 Family Packs, each containing 8 packets of assorted seeds @ $56 per case.

Order # FP-50, containing 50 Family Packs, each containing 8 packets of assorted seeds @ $32 per case.

You can plant the seeds in your garden or sell them to raise funds for your organization. If interested, send name of group, billing address (no money, they will bill later) to:

Greene Valley Gardens
Greene, New York 13778

WHAT TO DO THIS MONTH

WATCH THE OUTDOOR TEMPERATURE

Wind on a bright sunny day in winter can cause damage to trees, shrubs and groundcover if the soil is allowed to dry out.

When the temperature goes above 32°F and the soil thaws, keep your plants from drying out by watering thoroughly and deeply around the base of each plant, whether in the ground or in a container.

START SEEDS EARLY

You can start some annual flower and vegetable seeds early indoors, as long as there's enough light to grow the seedlings.

WHY START SEEDS EARLY?

Starting flower seeds like impatiens, lobelia, petunia and scarlet sage indoors in February or March rather than outdoors in May means they'll bloom sooner once planted outside.

Sowing vegetable seeds like beets, celery, leeks, lettuce and onions indoors this month rather than outdoors in March or April brings an earlier harvest once planted out in the garden.

Be sure to check each seed packet for best indoor/outdoor sowing time.

COMING SOON

Penn State's URBAN GARDENING PROGRAM is offering a workshop Saturday, February 20th on "How to Organize a Buying Club." For more information, call the Garden Phone, 224-7870.

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CLEAN UP AND GREEN UP!

PHILADELPHIA GREEN has joined the Mayor's Office in encouraging communities to *CLEAN UP and GREEN UP* in celebration of Philadelphia's 300th Birthday.

So when you plant your gardens and window boxes, tend your shrubs and trees and organize your block's spring cleaning, you'll be joining with other neighborhoods saying "Happy Birthday, Philadelphia!"

CALL THE CLEAN UP HOTLINE 686-5646 TO
ORGANIZE YOUR BLOCK AND
HAVE IT CLEANED THIS SPRING/SUMMER.

GARDEN TILLING SERVICES

The following community gardeners are available to till your gardens for a fee:

Mr. Butler	879-8439
Mr. John	225-8475
Mr. Murphy	843-1026

RAT CONTROL

1) Use care when choosing chemicals, poisons or mechanical traps to control rats in the garden.
2) Keep the garden clean and litter free.
3) Watch the compost pile and never add cooked food or oil to it. In cold weather, a thin layer of lime on top of the pile will discourage rats from eating.
4) Plug up holes in the ground with rocks.
5) Pressure the city or owners of nearby vacant buildings to exterminate and seal the buildings.

(Thanks to Boston's Urban Gardening for these tips)

GARDEN ASSISTANT NEWS

Twelve garden assistants completed their winter training program on March 27th with a field trip to Longwood Gardens.

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Congratulations to *Lenny Tanzymore* (a PG garden assistant) who was recently hired as gardener for Rittenhouse Square.

CITY GARDENS CONTEST

Herb Clarke, honorary chair of the 1982 City Gardens Contest, invites you to enter your community's garden projects in the contest this summer. Watch your mailbox this month for the red and white City Gardens entry form, fill it out and send it in.

CONTEST DEADLINE IS JUNE 10th!

GARDENERS GUIDE

Penn State's URBAN GARDENING Program is ready with the updated *GARDENERS' GUIDE TO WHO DOES WHAT IN PHILADELPHIA*. Call 224-7870 for your own copy.

GARDEN CLUB ORGANIZERS

The 9th & Glenwood Community Garden recently shared its list of garden club rules with PG. Call us at 625-8280 if your club would like a copy.

1982 PLANT SALE - MAY 5TH AND 6TH

This year, PHILADELPHIA GREEN will be selling flower and vegetable transplants to Independent Garden Clubs. Did your Plant Sale Information packet arrive in the mail? If not, give us a call at 625-8280.

Remember the Plant Sale deadline is **Monday, April 26th.**

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR GARDENING

Gardens for All, providing information and services, is a gardening organization to join.

A $12 annual membership includes:

1) a monthly NEWS
2) discounts on useful gardening books and
3) a "Garden-Gram" service which answers members' gardening questions.

Write Gardens for All, 180 Flynn Avenue, Burlington, Vermont 05401

ENERGY CONSCIOUS?

The City of Philadelphia is working to find ways to save energy. To learn more, contact the City's Commission on Energy Strategy by calling Chuck Pugh at MU6-5648.

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CITY GARDENS CONTEST TIME

Look out for a Fairmount Park Trolley, full of Philadelphia celebrities, rolling through your neighborhood on May 5th. It's the official opening day of the City Gardens Contest.

Jean Byall, contest coordinator, has invited Herb Clarke, WCAU-TV personality and Chair of the Contest, Jack Eden of KYW-Radio, Malcolm Poindexter of Channel 3 and City Council member for the Third Councilmanic District, Lucien Blackwell, on a trolley tour of West Philadelphia community gardens. Maybe we'll see you there.

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When making your City Gardens Contest entry, remember:

* Your community garden or block must be entered by a member of your group. We do not automatically enter gardens;
* You can enter category 1 if you have an individual vegetable garden, worked on by one family. This DOES NOT include one plot in a community garden;
* You can enter category 2 if you are part of a community vegetable garden worked on by 3 or more people. This includes ALL plots within your garden;
* Deadline: Thursday, June 10th.

If you haven't received your entry blank, or have any questions about the category you should enter, Call Denise at 625-8280

GROW A WINNER - PLANT CHALLENGE CLASS SEEDS

WHAT IS A CHALLENGE CLASS? At the fall Harvest Show, gardeners making entries in a Challenge Class have all started with the same variety of seeds the previous spring. The Show judges then decide who has grown the best flowers or vegetables in each class.

This year's Challenge Class seeds are:

VEGETABLES	FLOWERS
'Zippy Hybrid' Pepper	'Gaiety' Gaillardia
'Spacemaster' Cucumber	'Fire Dragon' Plumed Celosia
'Basket King' Tomatoes	

Quantities are limited, so call Alexandra Basinski soon at 625-8285 to reserve your Harvest Show Challenge Class seeds. Try them out! You might just grow a winner!

GARDENING TIPS

If you're like most eager gardeners, your early crops are already in the ground. You can complete the rest of your spring planting early in May when the weather's warm enough, with no chance of overnight frost damage.

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Weren't we all surprised by the unexpected winter weather around Easter? Your hardiest plants, including trees, shrubs, perennials and early crops probably survived fairly well, while others need replanting. The survivors may require help to get them going again - just prune out damaged stems and leaves.

HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?

Mildred Heckstall, a PHILADELPHIA GREEN Garden Assistant, has been in touch with third and fourth year garden clubs this spring to find our how their garden, garden block, street trees or shrubs are doing so far this season. If you need more gardening information, just let Mildred know when she calls and she'll send it to you.

CLEAN UP! GREEN UP! - GLASS TRASH PAYS OFF

Your community group can clean up glass and raise money at the same time. If you collect bottle glass, even ones with metal ring caps, and labels, a company called Recycling Enterprises, Inc. (REI) will pay your group $15 for 15 large metal drums filled with mostly unbroken glass.

All you need to start recycling glass is a fairly secure site - a locked garden will be fine - and at least 15 55-gallon drums. Then you can arrange a pickup day with REI.

You must be able to fill at least 15 drums or work with several groups in your neighborhood to make a total of 15 drums - all to be picked up on the same day.

For more information, call Pat Schrieber at 625-8286.

REBIRTH OF BLACK OAK PARK

The residents of the blocks surrounding Black Oak Park at 52nd and Pine Streets in West Philadelphia have formed the "Friends of Black Oak Park" and are returning the city square of trees and shrubs into a focal point of urban living for their community members again. At the Black Oak Park Clean-Up on March 27th, 50 adults and children rallied together to clean the park and dream of its brighter future. We salute the energies of these West Philadelphia neighbors in their efforts.

GARDEN TILLING SERVICE

The following community gardeners run their own services and will till your garden for a fee:

Mr. Butler	879-8439
Mr. John Willis	225-8475
Mr. Murphy	843-1026

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CITY GARDENS CONTEST - READY, SET, GROW!

You have a few more days to enter your garden in the City Gardens Contest. Call Jean Byall (625-8267), Contest Coordinator for an entry blank.

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* **DEADLINE: JUNE 10th** *
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The Judges will be calling all contestants by early July to schedule visits to gardens or blocks entered in the contest. We wish you good luck and good gardening!

HARVEST SHOW NEWS

Your copy of the Community Gardener's HARVEST SHOW BULLETIN is coming soon!

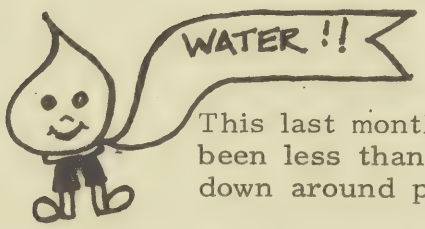
After you've finished planting, save all seed packets or plant labels so you'll have correct variety names when making your entries for the Harvest Show.

There's still time to plant Harvest Show Challenge Class seeds in your community gardens. Call Alexandra Basinski at 625-8285 to order the seeds you'd like to grow.

VEGETABLES
'Zippy' Hybrid Pepper
'Spacemaster' Cucumber
'Basket King' Tomatoes

FLOWERS
'Gaiety' Gaillardia
'Fire Dragon' Plumed Celosia

PHILADELPHIA GREEN Summer Office Hours
8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
Monday through Friday
(until Labor Day)



This last month has been a dry one for our gardens. When ever there's been less than an inch of rain per week, be sure to get plenty of water down around plant roots.

MULCHING YOUR GARDEN

1) Helps keep soil moist
and
2) Controls the growth of weeds

Use a 3 to 4 inch layer of organic mulch such as WOODCHIPS, LEAVES or STRAW around the base of each plant. Or put down a layer of newspaper or black plastic weighted at the edges so it won't blow away.

Mulch available from Fairmount Park's Recycling Center - Ford Road near Strawberry Mansion Bridge. Call MU6-1776, ext. 81-271 for more information.

CLEAN UP!

The City wants to help groups CLEAN UP! Philadelphia. Call the Neighborhood Services Hotline and learn what you can do about

* abandoned cars
* trash and debris pickup
* vacant houses

Call Neighborhood Services: MU6-5646
Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 5 PM

GREEN UP!

This Spring, more Philadelphia neighborhoods are joining PHILADELPHIA GREEN. We'd like to welcome each one of them.

SITTING GARDENS

47 Paxson	200 Church Lane	807 Venango	2347 N Gratz	1208-12 S 19th
2028 Glenwood	1607 York	2424 Wharton	2005 York	2402 N 19th

GARDEN BLOCKS

4500 N Camac	2400 Madison	1400 S Colorado	300 Dupont	1-100 N Hirst
3600 Warren	2200 Wharton	1900 N Patton	1800 N Willington	1300 N Myrtlewood
1500 S Taylor	2100 Sears	2000 Wilder		

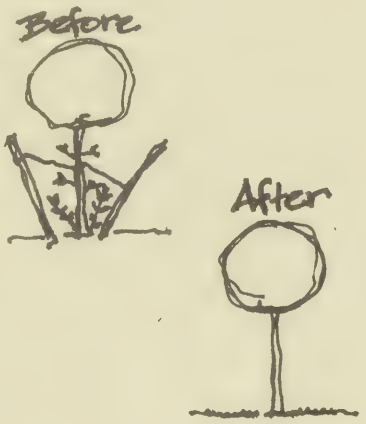
STREET TREE/PLANTER BLOCKS

6200 Hazel	5300 Spruce	5200 Sansom	1600 Annin	1600 Ellsworth
2700 Oakford	1100 Oakdale	2000 W Glenwood	2000 W York	2000 W Boston
2000 W Hagert	1700 Taney			

VEGETABLE GARDENS

Hancock & Norris	Hancock & Diamond	1401-05 S Mildred	300 E Mechanic	6118 Callowhill
NWC 55th & Pearl	43rd & Ogden	126 E Duval	4126-28 Mantua	3825-29 Fairmount
John Welsh School	2209-15 N 22nd	2133 N Uber	1719-21 Seybert	855 N 20th
2925-29 N Bonsall	3951-53 Aspen	1-100 Conestoga	1208-12 S 19th	1308 N 7th
19th & Cambria	Diamond & Howard			

STREET TREE CARE



Tree stakes left broken and hanging by wires can damage young trees. Help your tree by cutting the wires off and removing the stakes one year after planting.

A street tree will grow stronger if you remove the young sprouts growing out of the lower part of the trunk. Use a sharp pruner to cut off the shoot where it comes out of the trunk.

Loosen soil around the base of the tree and water whenever there's been less than an inch of rain in a week's time.

UP AND COMING EVENTS

We'll tell you more about these activities in the next several newsletters.

August 7th -	The Hagert Street Green Countrie Towne celebration in North Philadelphia (part of the Century IV festivities)
September 14th -	City Gardens Contest Awards Night
September 23rd and 24th -	Harvest Show Entry Registration
September 25th -	Community Gardeners Harvest Show Party

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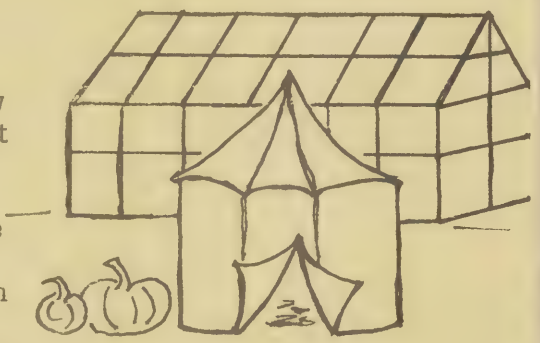
CITY GARDENS CONTEST

With a record number of over 500 gardens entered in this year's City Gardens Contest, Herb Clarke, Contest Chair, is calling for good weather ahead for the 350 judges who will make the first round of judging in July. Winners will be selected from the final judging during August.

JOIN US AT THE 1982 HARVEST SHOW



Watch for your copy of the Community Gardeners' Harvest Show Schedule in the mail, and plan to enter the best of your harvest in the Show, September 25th and 26th.

Important news about this year's Show is its new location at the HORTICULTURE CENTER, just off Belmont Avenue and Montgomery Drive, in Fairmount Park. We've included a map on the second page of the schedule to help you find your way to the Show. Its "county fair" setting will be complete with tents, animals and harvest time music.

The Horticulture Center is easy to reach by car, public transportation and the Fairmount Park trolley which leaves from the JFK Visitors' Center near City Hall.

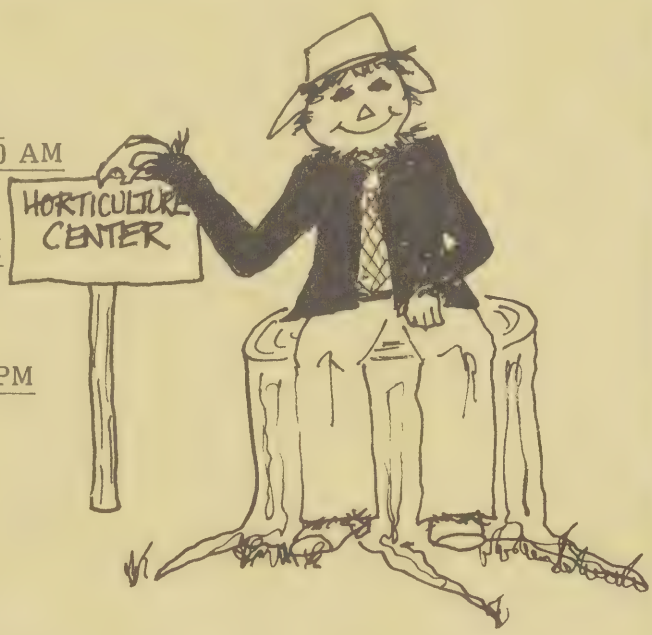
See you at the Harvest Show.

WHEN? Entry Registration:
Thursday, September 23rd, 5 to 8 PM
Friday, September 24th, 7:30 to 10:30 AM

Harvest Show:
Saturday, September 25th, 10 to 5 PM
Sunday, September 26th, 10 to 5 PM

Harvest Party:
Saturday, September 25th, 6 to 8:30 PM

WHERE? The HORTICULTURE CENTER
North Horticulture Drive
West Park
Fairmount Park



TENDER LOVING GARDEN CARE

Your trees, shrubs, and flowers will grow healthy and green this summer if you remember the following:

HOW OFTEN SHOULD I WATER?

Newly planted trees and shrubs can be watered every 3 or 4 days; the amount of water used depends on how much rain has fallen in a week's time. Water established plants about once a week. And MULCH everything!

Garden annuals and perennials must be watered more frequently - as much as once a day when it's very hot.

Lawns should be mowed so that the cut grass is at least 3 inches high for a better root system that will require less water. Water carefully and thoroughly.

TENDER LOVING GARDEN CARE (CONTINUED)

Plants in containers rely on frequent watering. How often and how much depends on 1) the amount of sunlight and 2) the type of soil: sandy soil dries out faster than clay soil. Generally, water thoroughly once a day. A light watering wets the upper layer of soil without reaching the roots. In very hot weather, the plants may even be watered twice a day. Use care when watering on a sunny day. If water remains on the flowers or leaves, the sun may burn the plant.

PHILADELPHIA GREEN has a hand-out on Container Plant Care.
Call 625-8280 for your copy.

WHEN SHOULD I WATER?

Water early in the morning whenever possible. Avoid watering late at night.

HOW CAN I GET MORE FLOWERS TO BLOOM ON MY ANNUAL PLANTS?

Removing old flowers from an annual plant, such as marigold, begonia, geranium or petunia, helps it grow fuller and have more flowers. Just pinch off each wilted flower along with its stem back to the closest set of leaves.

CELEBRATE CENTURY IV WITH WEST HAGERT GREENE COUNTRIE TOWNE

Come to West Hagert Greene Countrie Towne (North Philadelphia) on Saturday, August 7th for part of Century IV's "Only in Philadelphia Neighborhoods" festival. This neighborhood, led by Dorsha Mason, takes it bow as PHILADELPHIA GREEN's first model horticultural community.

Over the last several months, neighborhood residents and PG staff have been putting the finishing touches on a three-year plan, with street trees, shrubs, flowers and sitting gardens. Come join the festivities and, as Donna Thorpe, Vice President of West Hagert says, see a community "bloom where we are planted."

DIRECTIONS TO WEST HAGERT GREENE COUNTRIE TOWNE

From the Schuylkill Expressway, take Girard Avenue exit to 33rd Street, north along Fairmount Park to Dauphin Street, east to Glenwood Avenue, and north two blocks to 2000 Glenwood Avenue. From Broad Street, take Glenwood Avenue west from North Philadelphia train station to 2000 Glenwood Avenue, or take York Street west from Broad to Glenwood, then north one block to 2000 Glenwood.

ONE OF SOUTH PHILLY'S FINEST

We join St. Gabriel's Parish and the residents of King's Village and Greys Ferry in bidding a fond farewell to Father Lou Steingraber, community organizer, gardener and supporter of the extensive community gardens along Oakford Street, between South 28th and South 30th Streets in South Philadelphia.

Father Lou has been reassigned to a parish in Chester, Delaware County. We wouldn't be at all surprised if one day very soon we hear about Father Lou's CHESTER GREEN. We can say we knew him when...

GREEN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

Students from the John Welsh School at 4th and York have started a garden this spring as part of the GREEN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS Program and here are some of their comments:

> This year was a good year for John Welsh because we made a beautiful garden called Rainbow Garden... The first thing we had to do is to throw out the rocks and then we had to level the soil... I hope our garden will be successful because my class helped... If the whole school helps more it will be better than before..

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HARVEST SHOW CALENDAR

ENTRY REGISTRATION: Thursday, September 23rd, 5 to 8 PM
Friday, September 24th, 7:30 to 10:30 AM

DATES OF SHOW: Saturday, September 25th, 10AM to 5 PM
Sunday, September 26th, 10AM to 5 PM

HARVEST PARTY: Saturday, September 25th, 6 to 8:30 PM

To register your community garden's entries in the Harvest Show, fill in the white form (attached to the Harvest Show booklet mailed to you in early July). Send it in to let us know that you are planning to enter something in the Show. Deadline for returning form is September 10th.

IF YOU HAVEN'T RECEIVED YOUR HARVEST SHOW BOOKLET, CALL DENISE OR BETTY AT 625-8280.

FEATURES OF THE 1982 HARVEST SHOW

NEW LOCATION: Horticulture Center and Greenhouses
on Horticulture Drive off Belmont Avenue

COMMUNITY GARDENERS' HARVEST PARTY,
Saturday, September 25th, 6 to 8:30 PM

FREE ENTRY PASSES for Harvest Party

SPECIAL HARVEST SHOW CLASSES:

HARVEST TABLES: With limit of 10 tables, pre-registration is required

FOOD AND FLOWER CLASSES

CHALLENGE CLASSES

Zippy Hybrid Pepper, Container Grown Basket King Tomato, Spacemaster Cucumber, Plumed Celosia, Gaillardia

WINES

CONTAINER-GROWN ANNUALS AND VEGETABLES

WINDOW BOXES - pre-registration is required

SCARECROWS

HERBS

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**COME AND CELEBRATE CENTURY IV WITH
WEST HAGERT GREENE COUNTRIE TOWNE (North Philadelphia)
on Saturday, August 7th
from 11 AM to 6 PM**

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SUMMER GARDENING TIPS

KEEP ANNUAL FLOWERS BLOOMING LONGER THIS SEASON:

This month, prune back wilted flowers along with several inches of foliage. Within the next several weeks, you'll see new shoots bearing more flower buds.

SPECIMENS OF CUT FLOWERS CAN BE ENTERED IN THE HARVEST SHOW.
See Section H, page 16, in the Harvest Show Booklet for more details.

SAFE, EASY PEST CONTROL:

CABBAGE WORMS -
When she sets out transplants or sows seeds of cabbage, collards, tomatoes, eggplant, peppers and string beans, *Mrs. Minnie Mobley* of 2600 W Seltzer Street first mixes 1 part CORN MEAL, 2 part LIME and 1-2 tablespoons of MIRACLE-GRO (or any other 15-30-15 water soluble fertilizer). She then sprinkles some of the mixture around the base of each transplant or lightly on area to be seeded. The worms can't digest this mix and Mrs. Mobley enjoys healthy plant growth and a good harvest.

APHIDS -
Mr. Seawell, head of the 6200 Block of Clearview Street, taking advice from PG staff, sprayed infested flowers in block's window boxes with DILUTED DISHWASHING DETERGENT once a week. The result? Healthy, aphid-free flowers.

LET US KNOW WHAT WORKS FOR YOU.

THE CITY GARDENS CONTEST REALLY GROWS ON PEOPLE

The sky over South Philadelphia was clear the day TV 10 Weatherman *Herb Clarke*, and his co-judges *Evelyn Hett, Sonny Brown, Jonathan Burpee, Cecily Clark* and *Sharon Turner* visited six of the 125 community vegetable gardens entered in the 1982 City Gardens Contest.

After checking out the well-kept gardens and the appetizing selection of vegetables they found growing there, the judging team took a lunch stop in the 2714-16 Oakford Street Sitting Garden.

Herb and his teammates all agree that judging Philadelphia's community gardens for the City Gardens Contest is something they wouldn't want to miss.

1982 COMMUNITY RECOGNITION DINNER

DATE:	Friday, October 15th
TIME:	Cash Bar opens at 6 PM Dinner at 7 PM
COST:	$13.00 per person
PLACE:	Franklin Plaza Hotel 17th and Vine Streets
GUEST SPEAKER:	Orien Reed of WCAU-TV

Dinner invitations will be mailed in late August.

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COME ONE, COME ALL TO THE 1982 HARVEST SHOW

Folks are expecting bumper crops in time for this year's Harvest Show, on Saturday, September 25th and Sunday, September 26th, at a brand new location - FAIRMOUNT PARK'S HORTICULTURE CENTER. The Show hours are 10 AM to 5 PM both days. Admission is $2.00 for adults and $1.50 for children under 12.

THE COMMUNITY GARDENERS' COMPETITIVE CLASSES, sponsored by PHS' PHILADELPHIA GREEN Program and Penn State's URBAN GARDENING Program, is one of the main events in this year's Show, with the finest vegetables, flowers, harvest tables, scarecrows and window boxes from all over the city.

THE COMMUNITY GARDENERS' HARVEST PARTY will start rocking and rolling Saturday night, September 25th, from 6 to 8:30 PM. Only those with Harvest Party tickets will be admitted free to the party. We hope you all come!

BRING OUT YOUR BEST

Let us know you plan to enter the Harvest Show competitive classes - just send your garden's registration form TODAY.

Enclosed is an extra Harvest Show registration form in case you need it.

Then each time you're out in the garden in the next few weeks, figure out just what will be ready to enter.

Each competitive class requires a specific number of vegetables or flowers. If you have less than the number needed, combine the best of all for a collection of at least 5 different vegetables in BOUNTY BY THE BASKET Classes 58 through 64 or a collection of flowers in FLORAL BOUNTY Class 66.

Remember too that even those unregistered entries (except Harvest Tables and Window Boxes) are welcomed at Harvest Show registration.

HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE HARVEST SHOW OR PARTY?
CALL ALEXANDRA OR DENISE AT 625-8280.

GENERAL RULES FOR THE HARVEST SHOW

1) All Community Gardens Competitive Class entries are to be made on Thursday, September 23rd, between 5 and 8 PM, or Friday, September 24th, between 7:30 and 10:30 AM.

NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 10:30, FRIDAY MORNING.
NO ENTRIES CAN BE MADE ON SATURDAY OR SUNDAY.

2) All Show entries must be grown in a Community Garden or on a Garden Block.

3) All entries in the Community Gardens Competitive Classes must be made in the name of the Community Garden or Garden Block except for the Canned Product Classes 2 through 47 (see page 18 in the Harvest Show Booklet).

4) Only one entry per garden will be accepted in all Competitive Classes except for Class 146 - Any Other Vegetable.

5) You can earn more points with the variety names; bring seed packets or markers for the crops you'll exhibit so you can write the names on the entry tags.

6) Containers for all FLOWER and GREENS classes will be provided by PHS.

(Rules continued on side two)

IF YOU NEED INFORMATION ON REACHING THE HORTICULTURE CENTER, CALL PHILADELPHIA GREEN AT 625-8280.

GENERAL RULES FOR THE HARVEST SHOW (CONTINUED)

7) Containers used for HERBS, COLLECTIONS OF VEGETABLES and HARVEST TABLE Classes must be provided by exhibitors. Mark the bottom of each container with name, garden and phone number.

8) Entries in the CONTAINER GROWN VEGETABLES, FRUITS AND ANNUALS Classes 75 through 98 must be displayed in the containers in which they've been grown.

9) Any entry that wilts during the two-day show will be removed. Ribbons on winning entries will be saved for pickup by exhibitors.

10) All exhibitors will receive special buttons at Show registration so they can remove their entries on Sunday, September 26th, between 5:30 and 6 PM.

11) All entries must be claimed by 6:00 PM on Sunday, September 26th. Ribbons on remaining entries will be mailed to the Garden Chairperson.

12) Come prepared on Sunday. Bring bags or boxes to carry your entries home.

CAN IT!

Have you put up pickles, relishes, preserves and wines for the coming months? Bring your best to the Show and join in the fun.

For more information check pages 18 and 19 in the Harvest Show Booklet.

WHAT'S NEW AT PHILADELPHIA GREEN

The next time you call our office, say hello to Betty McGill who has joined our administrative staff as a full-time secretary. Betty is a long-time resident and active block captain of West Shore in Southwest Philadelphia.

GARDEN ALERT

You may have seen the Sitting Garden at Arch and Redfield Streets recently on T.V. news programs. In mid-August the property where the garden is located was sold without prior notice given to the gardeners. Evelyn LeVere and her neighbors are now trying to reverse the sale.

PHILADELPHIA GREEN is very concerned about this situation and staff is trying to get more information. We ask you to keep an eye out for what's happening in your own community garden. Call our office if a notice of sheriff's sale or for sale sign is placed on the site.

PENN'S DREAM: WEST HAGERT GREENE COUNTRIE TOWNE

On August 4th, Philadelphia's Managing Director W. Wilson Goode took part in the ribbon-cutting ceremonies at the new GLENWOOD COURT SITTING GARDEN, part of dedication festivities in the WEST HAGERT GREENE COUNTRIE TOWNE, North Philadelphia.

Mr. Goode praised neighborhood residents for the tremendous community pride shown by all their efforts. **Let's join with him in congratulating Dorsha Mason and Donna Thorpe (President and Vice President of West Hagert) and all their neighbors.**

ON THE GARDEN HORIZON

OCTOBER 15th

1982 Community Recognition Dinner

6PM - Cash Bar opens
7PM - Dinner

Franklin Plaza Hotel
17th and Vine Streets
$13.00 per person

Deadline for reservations: October 4th

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OCTOBER? The 1982 Community Recognition Dinner

WHEN? Friday, October 15th
Cash Bar opens at 6 PM
Dinner begins at 7 PM

WHERE? Franklin Plaza Hotel
17th and Vine Streets
(entrance on Race Street between 16th and 17th)

GUEST SPEAKER Bob Perkins, Managing Editor of WDAS Radio, who recently received the 1982 National Black Radio Newscasters Award

MUSIC BY Butch Ballard and Band

TICKET RESERVATIONS $13.00 per person
Deadline for reservations: OCTOBER 4th

WINNERS OF THE CITY GARDENS CONTEST

On the evening of September 14th, the winners of the 1982 City Gardens Contest gathered to celebrate at the Port of History Museum at Penn's Landing. During the award presentations, TV 10 Weatherman, Herb Clarke, the Contest Chair, congratulated everyone on their great summer of gardening. Herb received his own award - a large, lucious-looking eggplant, compliments of a contest winner, Patsy Feola.

COMMUNITY VEGETABLE GARDENS - SMALL

FIRST PLACE	*4300 Sansom Street*			
SECOND PLACE	*1205-13 S 26th* *1600 Natrona*	*10th & Vine* *1537 W Page*	*729 N 17th*	*1958 Windrim*
THIRD PLACE	*3301 N 21st* *1804-12 Sharswood*	*1510 Manton* *2409-12 Newkirk*	*817-19 N 39th*	*2249 N 33rd*

COMMUNITY VEGETABLE GARDENS - LARGE

FIRST PLACE	*4245-49 Sansom Street*	*1421-51 S 25th Street*		
SECOND PLACE	*4310 Sansom*	*Green & Penn*	*19th & Cambria*	*Pearl & Contestoga*
THIRD PLACE	*1001-09 Glenwood*	*802-04 N 44th*	*28-32 Reger*	

COMMUNITY FLOWER GARDEN (SITTING GARDENS)

FIRST PLACE	*2400 N Colorado*			
SECOND PLACE	*1330 S 18th* *2256 Greenwich*	*2462 N 16th* *5918 Arch*	*2245 Oakford*	*2413 N 19th*
THIRD PLACE	*3600 N Percy* *Lancaster & Parrish*	*2042 Manton* *2114 N 20th*	*318 Emily*	*Perth & Addison*

GREENEST BLOCK IN TOWN

FIRST PLACE	*1500 Block N 55th Street*		
SECOND PLACE	*2100 Wharton*	*2200 Oakford*	*4700 Hawthorne*
THIRD PLACE	*2200 Woodstock*	*2200 Sedgley*	*6200 Callowhill*

(For more winners, turn over)

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Best wishes to Carol Sclafani, of the PHILADELPHIA GREEN staff who recently moved to Miami.

MORE CITY GARDENS CONTEST WINNERS

GARDEN BLOCK PROJECTS

FIRST PLACE	*2000 Block Glenwood Avenue*			
SECOND PLACE	*3100 Camac* *1700 Taney*	*1700 Edgley* *2100 W York*	*2000 Wilder*	*2400 Reese*
THIRD PLACE	*2400 Arlington* *3700 Brandywine*	*2100 Sears* *300 DuPont*	*2000 Poplar*	*1200 Bonsall*

COMMUNITY VEGETABLE GARDENS - STARTED IN SPRING 1982

FIRST PLACE	*3951-53 Aspen Street*			
SECOND PLACE	*25th & Spruce*	*2209-15 N 22nd*	*1719 Seybert*	
THIRD PLACE	*2133 N Uber*	*177 Norris*	*1308 N 7th*	*855 N 20th*

GET READY FOR WINTER

You've all been pulling good food out of your vegetable gardens for the past few months. When you've finally finished harvesting for the season, put something back into the garden before the weather gets too cold.

1 - **TEST YOUR SOIL** to find out what you'll need to add to assure good crops next year. Soil tests are $3 and are available from the Cooperative Extension Service, Broad & Grange Streets.

2 - **ENRICH YOUR GARDEN SOIL** with healthy garden refuse like leaves, grass clippings, stalks and vines. DON'T USE DISEASED PLANT PARTS. Adding healthy organic matter to the garden keeps the soil crumbly and easy to work. Shread or chop these vegetable remains, spread them over the top of the soil, and dig them down about 6 inches.

3 - **ADD WOODCHIPS.** Sources for free woodchips are the PHILADELPHIA ELECTRIC COMPANY (call for information) or the FAIRMOUNT PARK RECYCLING CENTER, located on Ford Road near Strawberry Mansion Bridge.

4 - **PLANT WINTER RYE GRASS** this fall and turn it under the soil next spring.

5 - **MAKE A SKETCH OF THIS YEAR'S GARDEN** to help remember what was planted where. Crops like corn and greens which use lots of nitrogen can be placed next year where beans and peas grew this year. Rotate cole crops like broccoli, cauliflower and kale to a different spot to avoid damage from clubroot which stays in the soil for several years.

6 - **CLEAN ALL GARDEN TOOLS** and store in a dry place over the winter.

7 - **CHECK FOR THE TOOLS, SOIL AND SUPPLIES YOU'LL NEED FOR NEXT YEAR.** Write them down now to remember what to order from the PG Garden Supplies Service this winter.

REDFIELD ARCH UPDATE

Evelyn LeVere and friends may have had the Redfield Arch Sitting Garden literally sold from under them this summer but not before the garden was judged a Second Prize winner in the 1982 City Gardens Contest.

We'll keep you informed about any news on the survival of this beautiful garden.

HARVEST SHOW NEWS

Results of the Harvest Show Sweepstakes won't be in until after this newsletter issue goes to the printer. Watch out for the list of all winners in the November edition.

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Dear Community Gardener,

I would like to thank all of the neighborhood gardens and blocks whose members attended the Recognition Dinner at the Franklin Plaza on October 15th. I think everyone brought with them warm feelings of friendship and sharing and proved that gardeners are some of the nicest people in Philadelphia. About 300 folks heard WDAS Radio Editorial Director Bob Perkins talk about the spirit of gardening, its impact on the community, and the strong community leadership evident in the program. He told me that when he walked into the ballroom he immediately sensed that he was among friends. I congratulate the block member groups who were recognized for their gardening achievements. Special cheers for *Grover Willis* who was named PHILADELPHIA GREEN's "Green Thumb of the Year" Award recipient.

All community gardeners can be proud that in 1982 we helped to make Philadelphia Green.

********** J. Blaine Bonham Jr.

GOOD NEWS FOR REDFIELD ARCH

Members of the Redfield Arch Sitting Garden Club (West Philadelphia) once faced with the loss of their garden, may soon have their garden returned to them. The garden had been accidentally sold to a private developer by the City's Department of Public Property.

City Council passed a resolution in mid-October, designating the garden as a public park. The resolution is now waiting for Mayor Green's signature, with assurances that it will be signed.

ADVISORY BOARD SPOTLIGHT

Terry Williams, a West Philadelphia resident and member of PHILADELPHIA GREEN's Advisory Board, was recently presented with the Distinguished Community Service Award by the Community Concerned Coordinating Committee of West Philadelphia for his efforts in community involvement. Congratulations Terry!

SPONSOR A NEIGHBORHOOD CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP

Your community group can sponsor a Christmas Workshop if at least ten neighbors are interested in making decorations for the Christmas season, and you have a place for the Workshop. Call Lance Mason at 625-8288 to arrange a time and date for a workshop in your neighborhood.

Each participant will pay a $3.00 fee which entitles you to make one project.

CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP AT PHS

The PHILADELPHIA GREEN staff will also conduct one Christmas workshop here at PHS headquarters on Saturday, December 11th from 1 to 3 PM, demonstrating how to make table centerpieces, door swags and wreaths, using fresh evergreens, ribbons and wire.

Workshop participants will also get other decorating ideas at the PHS Christmas Exhibit, on display at 325 Walnut Street during the month of December.

Space is limited to 20 people, so register early. The prepaid registration fee is $3.00 per person which entitles you to make one project. Complete the form below and return it with check or money order payable to the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society. There will be NO REFUNDS.

----------tear here and return----------

NAME _____ PHONE NUMBER _____

ADDRESS _____ ZIP _____

No. Attending _____ Total Amount Enclosed $ _____

RETURN FORM TO: LANCE MASON - PHS/PHILADELPHIA GREEN
325 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106

HARVEST SHOW WINNERS

We all had a great time at this year's Harvest Show. Everyone enjoyed the show's new location at Fairmount Park's Horticulture Center, with its county fair flavor.

A total of ten community gardens were awarded sweepstakes prizes for the greatest number of points:

	LARGE GARDENS	SMALL GARDENS
FIRST	4300/4310 Sansom Street	4245-49 Sansom Street
SECOND	1500 Grays Ferry Avenue	28-32 Reger Street
THIRD	3rd & Christian Streets	5301 Master Street
HONORABLE MENTION	56th & Haverford Avenue	Belmont Village
	1426-30 S Taylor/25th & Dickinson	6118 Callowhill Street

The community garden winning the most blue ribbons was 1500 Grays Ferry Avenue.

Louise Garnett, a gardener at 18th & Sharswood (North Philadelphia), became a Harvest Show celebrity, winning the National Council of State Garden Clubs Award of Merit for Best Cut Specimens with her entry of large yellow marigolds.

SEED STORAGE

Here's a tip from the Garden Resources of Washington (D.C.) for those left-over seeds from the season's planting:

place the seeds in a clean, dry glass jar with a tight fitting lid. Keep them in a cool (4.5° - 10°C/40°-50°F) dry place away from strong light. As an extra precaution, place some dry powdered milk into a small envelope, seal and add to the jar of seeds before tightening the lid. This will help the seeds stay dry.

Saving the unused seeds will work for almost all vegetable crops except corn, onion, and parsnip, which ususally do not last for more than one year.

MORE GARDENING TIPS FOR FALL

Nineteen new garden clubs are working on the installation and planting of 6 sitting gardens and 13 street tree/planter blocks this fall.

District Coordinators and garden assistants are showing garden club members just how to care for their new plantings. Exactly what are they learning?

WATERING of all outdoor plants thoroughly (including trees, shrubs, perennials, lawns and winter rye grass in vegetable gardens) is a weekly activity from now until the ground freezes hard in late December. How much water the soil takes up depends on the amount of rainfall we've had.

*WATER ALERT: We haven't had much rain this fall, so be sure to WATER thoroughly, even after the leaves drop from the trees and shrubs.

As long as the soil around the roots holds enough water when the ground freezes, your plants have a better chance surviving the cold.

During late winter thaws in February and March with temperatures over 45°F, water thoroughly to prevent your plants from drying out.

MULCHING conserves soil moisture and insulates the roots growing there. Use woodchips, rotted leaves, salt hay or straw and put down a 3 inch layer around the base of the plant, about 3 to 4 inches away from the trunk.

PLANTING BULBS in the fall will bring color to the garden in early spring. Select different varieties for continuous blooming. Spring-flowering bulbs are available at most garden centers.

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"FOLLOW THE SUN" TO THE PHILADELPHIA FLOWER SHOW

When visiting the Philadelphia Flower Show in March, you might think you're out on the streets of Philadelphia when you discover our own exhibit, PHILADELPHIA GREEN STREET.

PG staffers Alexandra Basinski, Hal Rosner and Anne Vallery, aided by members of the Flower Show Committee, have created an exhibit design that captures the energy of PG and its member groups. You'll see spring and summer gardens and learn about small space planning, low maintenance, drought resistance and container grown plants.

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While strolling by PHILADELPHIA GREEN STREET, you may see a water ice cart with a long line of visitors beside it. But instead of water ice, we'll be giving out information about the 1983 City Gardens Contest. If you time your visit just right, you may get a chance to meet Herb Clarke, Chair of the City Gardens Contest who will make an appearance at the exhibit during the Show.

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So come enjoy the Flower Show and see PHILADELPHIA GREEN STREET.

DATES: March 6 - 13

LOCATION: Civic Center, 34th & Civic Center Boulevard

HOURS: Sunday, 10AM to 6PM
Monday through Saturday, 10AM to 9:30PM

ADMISSION: $5.50 for adults; $2.75 for children under 12
Advance sale tickets: $4.75, available at PHS, 325 Walnut Street

WHAT TO DO THIS MONTH

MULCHING conserves soil moisture and insulates roots growing underground. When the ground is frozen, use woodchips, rotted leaves, salt hay or straw as a 3 inch layer of mulch around the base of each plant, starting about 3 or 4 inches away from the trunk.

WATCH THE OUTDOOR TEMPERATURE. Wind on a bright sunny day in winter can damage trees, shrubs and groundcover if the soil dries out.

When the temperature goes above 32°F and the soil thaws, keep your plants from drying out by watering thoroughly and deeply around each plant, whether in the ground or in a container.

PLAN AHEAD - USE PG'S GARDEN SUPPLY SERVICE

Does your garden club have its list of tools and materials needed for next summer's garden? TOPSOIL or SHOVELS, WHEELBARROWS or FERTILIZER? You can order soon from PG's GARDEN SUPPLY SERVICE.

Order forms will be mailed in late Janaury. But remember the deadline is February 18th. So, if you put off ordering until later, we'll be sold out. Have any questions about the service? Call 625-8280.

GARDEN MEMORIAL

We were very sorry to hear that Eva Johnson, block captain of 2400 N 20th Street died in early December. PG and her friends and neighbors in West Hagert will plant a shrub in her memory in the Cecil B. Moore Memorial Sitting Garden.

GREEN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

You know that block groups around the city keep making their neighborhoods greener. But have you also noticed that some Philadelphia schools are getting into the act with PG's GREEN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS Program? Recently, teachers from Meredith (5th & Fitzwater), Welsh (4th & York), Smedley (Bridge & Charles), and Masterman (17th &Spring Garden) Schools met with staff to talk about the gardening efforts of their students over the past few years. The word is that the schools are LOOKING GOOD! So this spring if you're in the neighborhood, check them out - you'll be surprised.

BIGGER AND BETTER IN '83

Maybe you found a new variety of eggplant you wanted to try among the winners at the Harvest Show last fall. Or saw your neighbor's sunflowers growing twice as large as yours. You'll never know what tempting new varieties you might be missing unless you get your hands on the latest in 1983 garden catalogs.

Listed below are a few companies that offer free catalogs for vegetable and flower seeds, fruit trees and perennials:

VEGETABLE AND FLOWERS

Burpee Seed Company
300 Park Avenue
Warminster, PA 18974

John Harris Company, Inc.
12 Moreton Farm
Rochester, NY 14624

George W. Parks Seed Company
155 Cokesbury Road
Greenwood, SC 29647

Thompson & Morgan
P.O. Box 100
Farmingdale, NJ 07727

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PERENNIALS

Wayside Gardens
18 Garden Lane
Hodges, SC 29695

Jackson & Perkins
71 Rose Lane
Medford, Oregon 97501

FRUIT

Stark Bros.
Nurseries and Orchards Co.
Dept. J199CB
Louisiana, MO 63353

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ORDER NOW - GARDEN SUPPLY SERVICE

Your garden club can order garden supplies now through PHILADELPHIA GREEN.

DEADLINE: February 18th

By now you've received the order form for our Garden Supply Service. Talk with other members of your group, find out which supplies people want and compile an order form for the whole group.

Mail the order form along with check or money order payable to the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society to PHILADELPHIA GREEN, 325 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106.

If you haven't received an order form or have any questions, call us at 625-8280. And remember, the deadline for all orders is February 18th.

PHILADELPHIA GREEN ADVISORY BOARD

Willie Mae Bullock, Chair of the PG Advisory Board, welcomed eight new members at a January 18th Advisory Board meeting. The new members are:

James Dickerson
Rena Ennis
Lois Fernandez
Deborah Geisler
Natalie Kempner
Brenda Nealy
Delia Ortiz
Pearl Romans

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Members of the Advisory Board will soon begin planning another campaign in support of PHILADELPHIA GREEN's application for funding during the City's 1983-84 Fiscal year. We will be inviting all PG gardeners to participate in the City Council budget hearings. Watch your mail for further details.

VISIT PHILADELPHIA GREEN STREET AT THE FLOWER SHOW

Many people have been involved in preparing the PHILADELPHIA GREEN STREET exhibit at the Flower Show, from March 6 to 13. Last year, PG staff met with *Mrs. Lois Burpee* who is growing vegetables and herbs for the exhibit's gardens... Members of the PG Flower Show Committee, headed by *Sharon Turner*, and other members of the Advisory Board will be on hand at the exhibit during the week of the Show, ready to answer questions about PG... The children from the *Norris Square Neighborhood Project* who painted the beautiful mural at the PG demonstration Sitting Garden at the Horticulture Center in Fairmount Park will be creating a new mural for the PG exhibit. It's sure to be a winner! Come see for yourself.

SHOW DATES: March 6-13

LOCATION: Civic Center, 34th & Civic Center Boulevard

HOURS: Sundays, 10AM to 6PM
Monday through Saturday, 10AM to 9:30PM

ADMISSION: $5.50, adults; $2.75, children under 12.
You can buy lower priced tickets, $4.75 each at the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, 325 Walnut Street. They are available until March 4th.

Ten or more tickets may be purchased by mail before February 25th.

REGISTER TO VOTE

An all-important election will take place this year - A new Mayor for Philadelphia will be chosen by the people.

The MAY PRIMARY may be the most important part of the election. Please encourage your fellow gardeners and neighbors to

REGISTER TO VOTE - NOW.

Pick up a registration form at your bank, post office, liquor store, or library or call MU6-3526 in City Hall for a form.

WHAT'S NEW

Ten new garden interns recently started working with PHILADELPHIA GREEN. Their one-year employment began in mid-January with a winter course in city gardening, in preparation for a busy planting season. We'd like to welcome *Beverly Agard*, *Cindy Council*, *Gladys Davis*, *Blanche Epps*, *Ted Faigle*, *Annie McGee*, and *Craig Robinson* of West Philadelphia, *Martha Holman* and *Louis Soto* of North Philadelphia and *Juanita Wooten* of Germantown.

WHAT TO DO THIS MONTH

WATCH THE OUTDOOR TEMPERATURE. Wind on a bright sunny day in winter can damage trees, shrubs and groundcover if the soil dries out.

When the temperature goes above 35°F and the soil thaws, keep your plants from drying out by watering thoroughly and deeply around each plant, whether in the ground or in a container.

ORDER FLOWER AND VEGETABLE SEEDS

START SEEDS EARLY. By starting certain annual flower and vegetable seeds indoors during February and March, rather than outdoors in May, you can count on earlier blooming flowers and early harvest for vegetables.

You can sow flower seeds like *impatiens*, *lobelia*, *petunia* and *scarlet sage* or vegetable seeds like *beets*, *celery*, *leeks*, *lettuce* and *onions* all indoors as long as you have enough light to grow the seedlings.

Check each seed packet for best indoor/outdoor sowing time.

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Visit PHILADELPHIA GREEN STREET At The Flower Show

You've been hearing from us about the exciting PHILADELPHIA GREEN STREET exhibit at the Flower Show. Well, in just a few days, the Show will open and you can see for yourselves. To help explain our exhibit to the public, PG staff has prepared a brochure with a pigeon's eye-view from a cartoon character called *Sidney Greenstreet*.

We will have fun sharing PHILADELPHIA GREEN with our Flower Show audience and we hope you come by for a visit with staff and PG gardeners.

SHOW DATES:	March 6-13
LOCATION:	Civic Center, 34th & Civic Center Boulevard
HOURS:	Sundays, 10AM to 6PM Monday through Saturday, 10AM to 9:30 PM
ADMISSION:	$5.50 adults; $2.75 children under 12. You can buy lower priced tickets, $4.75 each at the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, 325 Walnut Street. Available until March 4th.

Weather Alert - Highs and Lows

With the kind of shifts we've had in the weather, a blizzard can really be followed by a late winter thaw! Be sure to water trees and shrubs thoroughly when temperatures remain above 32°F as long as there's no rainfall or melting snow.

At the same time, don't let late winter snowstorms damage your plants. Give your shrubs and trees a careful brushing off when they're loaded with snow. But remember to leave them alone if the plants are covered with ice. Just let the ice melt away.

Attention All City Gardens Contestants

SPRING WORKSHOP
Saturday, April 16th
9:30 AM to 12:45 PM

Make plans to get your garden primed and ready for the 1983 City Gardens Contest and join us at this special gardening workshop. We'll talk about *garden design* and *city growing conditions*, *growing vegetables and flowers* and *gardening in containers*.

Space is limited, so register early. A nominal fee will be charged to each participant. For workshop registration, call 625-8280.

Register to Vote

Don't wait until November! Vote in the May Primary to select the candidates running for Mayor of Philadelphia.

Register to vote TODAY or April 18th at the latest. That's the deadline for registering to vote in the May Primary.

Pick up a registration form at your bank, post office, liquor store or library. And remember, register TODAY!

Garden Tilling Service

The following community gardeners will come out and till your gardens for a fee. Call them for more information:

Mr. Butler - 879-8439

John Willis - 225-8475

Coming Events

WHAT: **Philadelphia's Annual CLEAN-UP RALLY**

WHEN: **Saturday, March 19th**

WHERE: **Civic Center**
34th & Civic Center Boulevard

Block captains from all over Philadelphia are invited to attend this rally promoting a city-wide spring cleaning. Join us there and bring your neighbors. Look for the Gardenmobile for gardening information.

Fairmount Park Recycling Center

Now's the time to restock your garden's supplies of compost, woodchips, sand and manure. Organize your fellow gardeners and take a trip to the Fairmount Park Recycling Center on Ford Road, near the Strawberry Mansion Bridge.

Be sure to bring proof of Philadelphia residency. Call MU6-1776, ext. 81-271 for more information.

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ATTENTION ALL CITY GARDENS CONTESTANTS

Spring Workshop
Saturday, April 16th
9:30 AM to 12:45 PM
at PHS, 325 Walnut Street

Learn how to get you garden in shape for the 1983 City Gardens Contest. You can attend sessions on garden design and city growing conditions, growing vegetables, flowers and gardening in containers.

A $2.00 fee will be charged to each participant. For workshop registration call 625-8267.

CITY GARDENS CONTEST OFF TO A GOOD START

The 1983 City Gardens Contest will be launched on ARBOR DAY, Friday, April 29th, in Point Breeze (South Philadelphia).

On that day, the major mayoral candidates including Wilson Goode, Frank Rizzo, John Egan, Tom Gola, Tom Leonard and Charles Dougherty will take part in a fruit tree planting at the Garden of Eatin', 25th and Dickinson, assisted by a group of students from The Smith School, 19th and Wharton.

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CITY GARDENS CONTEST ENTRY FORMS will be mailed out by mid-April. Watch your mailbox and be sure to enter your garden this year.

CONTEST DEADLINE: JUNE 10th

PHILADELPHIA GREEN STREET: A WINNER

Thanks to the assistance of a corps of volunteers including the Exhibit Committee made up of many members of the PG Advisory Board, the PHILADELPHIA GREEN STREET exhibit at the Flower Show was a huge success and was awarded four top prizes:

The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society Silver Trophy for Best In Show for a Non-Profit Educational Exhibit.

American Horticultural Society Citation for an exhibit of horticultural excellence which best demonstrates the bond between horticulture and the environment.

The Bulkley Medal of the Garden Club of America to an exhibit of special merit and educational value.

Philadelphia Unit, Herb Society of America Award for an outstanding use of herbs.

We hope you all enjoyed the Flower Show. Congratulations to Exhibit Committee Chair *Sharon Turner*.

REGISTER NOW TO VOTE IN THE MAY PRIMARY

Time is running out. You must register by **Friday, April 15th** to vote for a mayoral candidate in the May primary. Pick up a registration form at your bank, post office, liquor store or library. And be sure to register TODAY.

GARDEN INTERNS

Our Garden Interns have just completed their winter classes in city gardening, including such topics as soil preparation, container gardening, edible and ornamental plants and garden design. All of the interns are looking forward to working with new and established garden groups in the upcoming months. They'll be out to see you.

POINT BREEZE BLOOMS AS A NEW GREENE COUNTRIE TOWNE

Point Breeze, the site of a new PG Greene Countrie Towne, is a South Philadelphia neighborhood comprised of 88 blocks located between Washington and Tasker, Broad Street and 25th Street.

This spring, residents there will plant trees and shrubs along their blocks, flowers in window boxes and urns, sitting gardens and mini-gardens on vacant lots in their community. The Point Breeze Beautification Committee is spear-heading this massive greening effort, led by *Haroldline Trower* (a PG Advisory Board member). The Committee will unveil the Point Breeze Greene Countrie Towne at a special celebration planned for August.

NEW DATE FOR THE CITY-WIDE CLEAN-UP RALLY

WHEN: Saturday, April 30th
(changed from March 19th)

WHERE: Civic Center
34th & Civic Center Boulevard

Be sure to tell your neighbors about this rally promoting a city-wide spring cleaning. Look for us in our Gardenmobile. We'll have plenty of gardening information.

1983 PLANT SALE

This year, PG's INDEPENDENT PLANT SALE will move to a new central location - Fairmount Park's HORTICULTURE CENTER. The sale of flower and vegetable transplants in market packs to Independent Garden Clubs will be held the first week in May. All independent clubs will be notified as to the day they can pick up their pre-paid orders.

If you have not yet received your Plant Sale packet, call 625-8280.

PLANT SALE DEADLINE: MONDAY, APRIL 25th

TIMELY GARDENING TIPS

Do you often wonder what's the best time to plant tomato seeds, prune roses or fertilize petunias. Then check out the gardening column in the Sunday Inquirer's Books and Leisure Section. *Jane Pepper*, Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, offers timely tips to gardeners in the Delaware Valley. Read her column and be in the know.

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CITY GARDENS CONTEST KICK-OFF

This year's contest was launched at a special Arbor Day tree planting ceremony, April 29th, at the Garden of Eatin', 25th and Dickinson. Mayoral candidates planted eight dwarf fruit trees in a new community orchard, with help from community gardeners and students from the Smith Elementary School, 19th and Wharton.

Remember, the contest deadline is June 10th.

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WHAT'S NEW

George Fernandez, Aaron Thompson and *Jeannine Vannais* have joined the PHILADELPHIA GREEN staff as part-time Garden Assistants for the spring season. They will be working with PG's district coordinators, *Alexandra Basinski, Harold Rosner* and *Anne Vallery*, making deliveries of annuals and vegetables to second year projects.

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CHALLENGE CLASS SEEDS - GET 'EM WHILE THEY'RE HOT

What Are Challenge Class Seeds? At the fall Harvest Show, gardeners with entries in a Challenge Class all start with the same variety of seeds the previous spring. Show judges then decide who has grown the best vegetables or flowers in each class.

This year's Challenge Class seeds are:

VEGETABLES

Tomato, Park's Whopper VFNT Hybrid

Carrot, Kundulus

CONTAINER GROWN

Sweet Basil, Green Bouquet

Pepper, Sweet Pickle

ANNUAL

Mexican Sunflower, Sundance

Quantities are limited, so call *Alexandra Basinski* today at 625-8285 to reserve your Challenge Class seeds. You may grow a winner!

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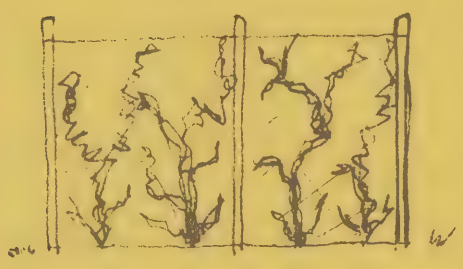
GARDEN TILLING SERVICE (for a fee)

Mr. Butler 879-8439

John Willis 225-8475

MAKE A SPACE-SAVER TRELLIS FOR VINING CROPS



MATERIALS: 5' stakes (wood or metal)
4' wide roll of chicken wire
pieces of wire to attach chicken wire to stakes

1) Have on hand enough stakes to support the length of wire needed. Be sure to place the trellis where it won't shade either plants it is supporting or other plants growing in the plot.

2) When plants are about 6" tall, push the tips through the lowest spaces in the wire. The plants can then grow up the trellis.

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HOW TO PREVENT VEGGIES FROM PICKING UP LEAD

Cornell University researchers suggest that by adding large quantities of compost or well-rotted manure to the garden, vegetables take up less lead than usual from the soil. And to reduce the amount of air-borne lead left on plants, wash all vegetables with water containing 1% vinegar or 1% dishwashing liquid, then rinse with clean water before eating.

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GREEN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

Welcome to three Philadelphia schools starting projects as part of the Green The School Grounds program this spring: John S. Jenks Elementary School (Germantown and Southampton Avenues), John Paul Jones Junior High School (Ann and Memphis Streets), and Franklin Learning Center (15th and Wallace Streets). If you're in their neighborhood, stop by and say hello.

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CASH FOR CANS

Save your all-aluminum Soda and Beer Cans and trade them in for CASH (18¢ per pound, right now). All cans must be clean and free from debris.

For more information, contact PARC (Philadelphia Association for Retarded Citizens) Aluminum Can Recycling Center.

2400 W Westmoreland Street
Phone: 229-6859
Monday to Friday, 9 AM to 3 PM

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PESTICIDE SAFETY

If you decide to use chemicals to control diseases or insects in your garden, be sure to follow these simple rules:

1) read each container label carefully and take all precautions listed.
2) apply only as directed.
3) wear protective clothing including long sleeves, gloves and goggles whenever handling, mixing and applying pesticides.
4) store pesticides in well-labelled containers.
5) keep pesticides in a dry place, and away from children and pets.

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SUMMER HOURS

for the
PHILADELPHIA GREEN Office
8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
Monday through Friday
(through Labor Day)

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CITY GARDENS CONTEST - Get Ready to Win

Contest judges will be calling you by early July to schedule a visit to your garden or block. Until then, good luck and happy gardening.

WHAT'S NEW

Jeff Myers has recently joined our staff at a part-time Garden Assistant, replacing Aaron Thompson. Jeff will be working with Hal Rosner on June plantings and garden visits in North Philadelphia.

POINT BREEZE GREENE COUNTRIE TOWNE

On Saturday, May 21st, many residents in POINT BREEZE, an 88-block community in South Philadelphia, were busy planting flowers in window boxes, wine barrels, and tire urns. Designated as Flower Day by the POINT BREEZE Beautification Committee and PHILADELPHIA GREEN, this particular Saturday was just part of the finishing touches being applied this spring to the POINT BREEZE Greene Countrie Towne. In addition this spring, many more blocks have planted new street trees, curbside planters with shrubs, vegetable and sitting gardens as well.

The Beautification Committee is planning a memorable community-wide summer celebration on Saturday, July 30th. We hope you'll join them there.

HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?

As the planting season draws to a close, PG garden assistants and interns are beginning visits to gardens and blocks this month and throughout the summer. Look forward to seeing them in your neighborhood.

HARVEST SHOW

Your Community Gardener's HARVEST SHOW Bulletin is coming soon, telling you all about making entries. Mark your calendars now with the show dates: Saturday and Sunday, September 24th and 25th.

Ready to take a gardening challenge? Then grow CHALLENGE CLASS entries for the Harvest Show. Call Alexandra Basinski, at 625-8285, for more information.

GARDEN TILLING (For a Fee)

Mr. Butler 879-8439

John Willis 225-8475

Robert Harvey GR7-7350

STOP-A-BUG!

Several Garden Interns would like to share some non-chemical remedies with you that may prove effective in your garden.

Blanche's Bombshell

With all the recent rain, SLUGS and CUTWORMS are plentiful, eating up a variety of young plants. A safe means of control follows:

> Put 3 cups CORNMEAL and 8 CRUSHED LARGE GARLIC CLOVES in a clear plastic bag and set in sun for 3 hours. Pour out on newspaper until dry. Sift and sprinkle around the base of each plant, making sure to KEEP MIXTURE OFF PLANT ITSELF.

Beverly's Bite-a-Mite

Have spider mite problems? Try this home-made remedy:

> Combine ½ cup BUTTERMILK with 4 cups of WHITE FLOUR. Then mix into 5 gallons of WATER. Spray on the whole plant, covering top and bottom of leaves.

NEW GROUPS GREEN UP!

More and more neighborhoods are joining PHILADELPHIA GREEN. We welcome some of the groups that have started projects this spring. (See the July newsletter for other new groups).

Vegetable Gardens

100 Blk. E. Rittenhouse	1243 S Markoe	1526-50 S Ingram	27th & Ingram
2264-66 N 17th	2421-27 W Boulton	4910-23 Royal	5701-05 Master
4600 Linmore	417-43 Wister	2814 W Diamond	1324 N Myrtlewood
19th & Montgomery	3415-17 N 21st	31 N Vogdes	4537-39 Pulaski
3730-42 Melon	1856 N Willington	1855-57 N 17th	2009-13 W Turner
1925-33 W Venango	16th & Master	722 N Folsom	1912-16 W Norris
1324-36 E Marlborough	1929-31 Reed	1419-21 S Bouvier	427-29 Hewson
115-25 N Poplar	1532 Wallace		

Street Tree/Planter Blocks

5500 Poplar	5100 Delancey	1300 S 46th	4200 Parrish
2400 W Huntingdon	2200 W Huntingdon	2200 W Harold	2300 W Hagert
2900 W Edgley	2300 Montrose	1200 W Huntingdon	2300 Dickinson
2400 Madision Square	5200 Walton	1300 S Melville	Unit Blk. N Wiota
1300,1400, 1500 S 47th	2000 Ellsworth	1800 Latona	1500 S 17th
18th & Fernon	2000 Dickinson	1800 Gerritt	2800 N Opal
1600 N Bailey			

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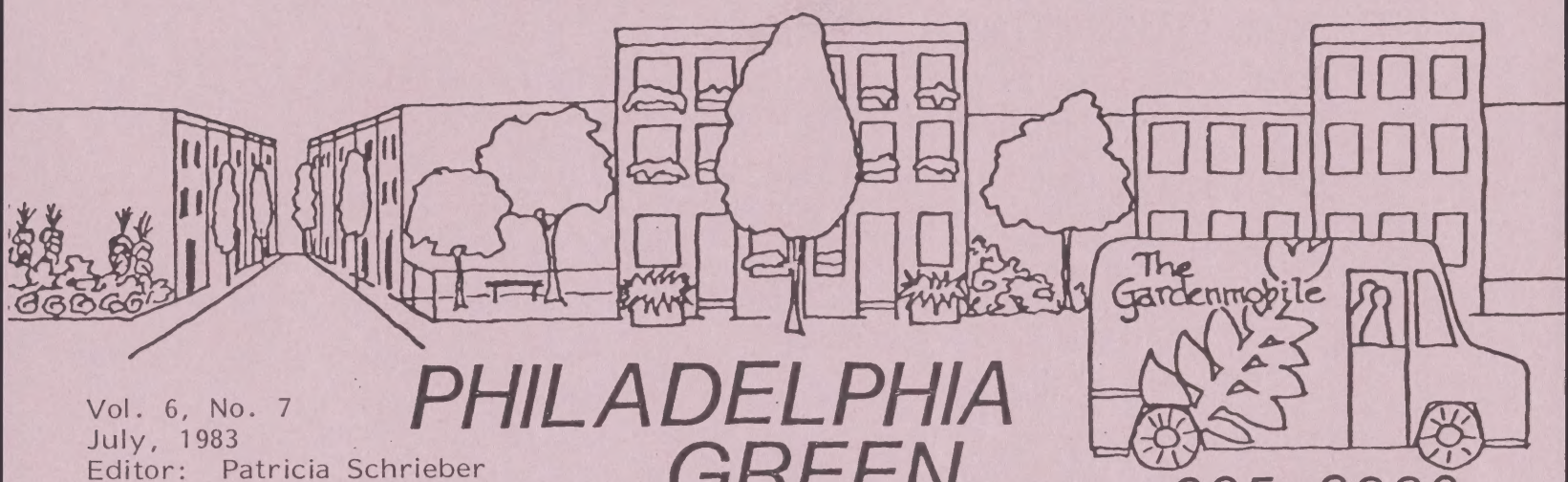

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Dear PHILADELPHIA GREENers,

Thanks to the time and effort taken by PHILADELPHIA GREEN community gardeners all over the City who filled out and sent in the petitions in support of the Program, City Council restored the budget for PHILADELPHIA GREEN in the 1983-84 Office of Housing and Community Development Budget. At the June 3rd council hearings, a gallery of staunch supporters cheered on as PHILADELPHIA GREEN Programs Administrator Paul Wolfinger and Efrain Rios, Advisory Board member and Educational Coordinator at the Norris Square Project, gave testimony to petition City Council's support. In supporting that request, Councilman John Street said he wished that PHILADELPHIA GREEN could work with even more people and that every vacant lot in the city could become a garden.

Thank you for helping to make Philadelphia Green.

J. Blaine Bonham, Jr., Director

ONE OF NORTH PHILLY'S FINEST

Last summer, PG and the West Hagert Neighborhood Council celebrated the unveiling of our first GREENE COUNTRIE TOWNE. On June 23rd the American Institute of Architects presented their 1983 Civic Environmental Award to West Hagert in recognition of its beautification efforts.

Congratulations to West Hagert for this well-deserved award.

1983 HARVEST SHOW

Watch the mail this month for your Community Gardeners' Harvest Show booklet and plan to enter the Show being held again at Fairmount Park's Horticulture Center.

POINT BREEZE GREENE COUNTRIE TOWNE

Late in June, members of the Point Breeze Beautification Committee set the stage for garden weddings in their neighborhood .

Located at the southeast corner of 19th and Dickinson, the Point Breeze Wedding Garden, contains flowering trees and shrubs for the warmer weather, evergreens for the winter months, and perennial flowers for repeated color from year to year. Recycled slate paths lead to the gazebo, as central feature of the garden. The garden is surrounded by a recycled wrought iron fence donated by the Philadelphia School Board.

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COME TO THE POINT BREEZE GREENE COUNTRIE TOWNE CELEBRATION
Saturday, July 30th

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SUMMER PLANT CARE

Although we had a rainy spring, keep in mind that plants, especially newly planted ones, require careful watering during the hot summer months.

HOW OFTEN SHOULD I WATER?

Newly planted trees and shrubs can be watered every 3 or 4 days; the amount of water used depends on how much rain has fallen in a week's time. Water established plants about once a week. And MULCH everything!

Garden annuals and perennials must be watered more frequently - as much as once a day when it's very hot.

SUMMER PLANT CARE (continued)

Lawns should be mowed so that the cut grass is at least 3 inches high for a better root system that will require less water. Water carefully and thoroughly.

Plants in containers rely on frequent watering. How often and how much depends on 1) the amount of sunlight and 2) the type of soil: sandy soil dries out faster than clay soil. Generally, water thoroughly once a day. A light watering wets the upper layer of soil without reaching the roots. In very hot weather, the plants may even be watered twice a day. Use care when watering on a sunny day. If water remains on the flowers or leaves, the sun may burn the plant.

WHEN SHOULD I WATER?

Water early in the morning whenever possible. Avoid watering late at night.

HOW CAN I GET MORE FLOWERS TO BLOOM ON MY ANNUAL PLANTS?

Removing old flowers from an annual plant, such as marigold, begonia, geranium or petunia, helps it grow fuller and have more flowers. Just pinch off each wilted flower along with its stem back to the closest set of leaves.

NOTE ON MULCHING

Using organic mulches such as woodchips, straw or grass clippings, might cause yellowing of the leaves. This happens because bacteria in the ground uses the nitrogen as it turns the organic matter into new soil.

SOLUTION: When spreading organic mulch, add a high nitrogen fertilizer, either organic such as BLOOD MEAL or a chemical fertilizer with a high first number which represents the nitrogen content.

KEEP OUR COMPUTER HAPPY

Our new computer loves to eat information about PHILADELPHIA GREEN just as fast as we can feed it. This summer, PG staff will be asking lots of questions when visiting your neighborhood so we can update the information on your garden projects. Your answers will keep our computer happy.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE GARDEN OF HOPE

Not so long ago, there were many community gardens along Venango Street in Tioga (North Philadelphia). Last year, the large tract of land became the site for new housing, forcing the gardeners to relocate to smaller sites scattered around the neighborhood.

One such group, headed by Lucinda Young, obtained permission last summer from the Department of Recreation to use several lots on the 3500 block of N 16th Street, with assurance that no plans were set for that site. Starting last winter, the group worked with staff from PHILADELPHIA GREEN and Penn State's URBAN GARDENING to develop an edible landscape. Vegetables, flowers, herbs and a community orchard are framed by flowering and evergreen trees and shrubs. Benches and a picnic table occupy a shady spot to the rear of the site where gardeners can rest and appreciate the fruits of their labor.

Staff and community gardeners feel that The Garden of Hope will serve as an example to city officials that community gardens can be permanent and attractive features in any neighborhood.

WELCOME TO PHILADELPHIA GREEN

More neighborhood projects started this spring include:

SITTING GARDENS

4666-68 Linmore
1653 Toronto
2014 Dickinson

GREEN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

J.S. Jenks Elementary School
J.P. Jones Junior High School
Franklin Learning Center

PHILADELPHIA GREEN
Pennsylvania Horticultural Society
325 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19106

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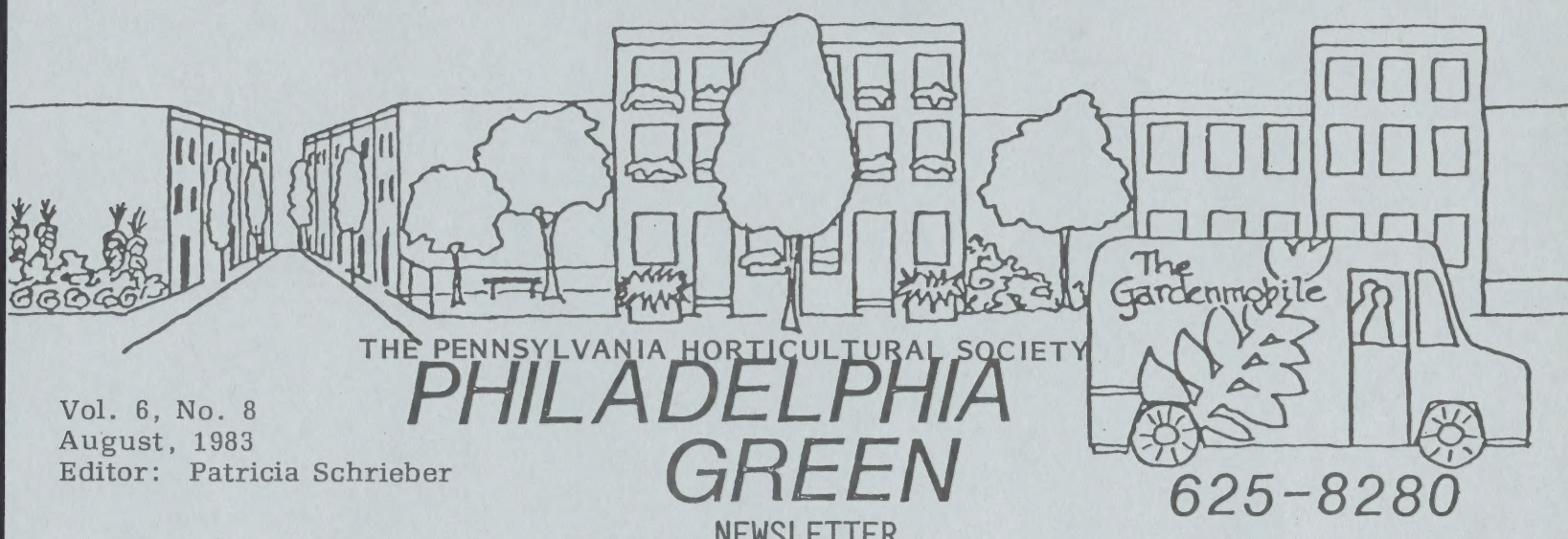

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Two days of festivities are planned to mark the debut of the Point Breeze GREENE COUNTRIE TOWNE (GCT). On Friday, July 29th, PHILADELPHIA GREEN will sponsor the dedication ceremony and reception of the GCT to honor the Beautification Committee and residents of Point Breeze, taking place at the new Wedding Garden (19th and Dickinson Streets) at 3 PM. (Rain location at Gloucester House, 22nd and Federal).

Join the celebration, Saturday, July 30th, from noon to 6 PM on Point Breeze Avenue between Wharton and Reed Streets. You can eat, shop at sidewalk sales, and enjoy local entertainers up and down the Avenue. PG staff will be offering GCT tours of blocks and gardens via a Fairmount Park trolley.

HARVEST SHOW CALENDAR

ENTRY REGISTRATION:	Thursday, September 22, 5 to 8 PM Friday, September 23, 7:30 to 10:30 AM
DATES OF SHOW:	Saturday, September 24, 10 AM to 5 PM Sunday, September 25, 10 AM to 5 PM
HARVEST PARTY:	Saturday, September 24, 6 to 8:30 PM

Register your community garden's entries for the Harvest Show. Just fill in the white form attached to the Show Booklet you received in July. Send it in to let us know you **are** planning to enter something in the Show.

DEADLINE FOR RETURNING THE FORM: SEPTEMBER 9th

If you haven't received your Harvest Show booklet, call Denise or Betty at 625-8280.

1983 HARVEST SHOW FEATURES

BEAUTIFUL LOCATION: Fairmount Park's Horticulture Center on Horticulture Drive off Belmont Avenue

FREE HARVEST PARTY ENTRY PASSES

SPECIAL HARVEST SHOW CLASSES:

* HARVEST TABLES: Pre-registration required. Limit of 12 tables
* PRESERVED PRODUCTS: You've already entered canned goods, wines and preserves in previous shows. Now you can make entries of MUSTARDS, SOAPS, ASTRINGENTS, DRIED POTPOURRI and SEASONINGS.
* WINDOW BOXES: Pre-registration required. Limit of 10 boxes
* TOP TOMATO and ZUPER ZUCCHINI: We're looking for size here rather than taste. Grow the heaviest tomato and longest zucchini and win a Cuisinart and other special prizes.
* CONTAINER GROWN VEGETABLES, FRUITS AND ANNUALS: Are you growing eggplants, tomatoes, marigolds or strawberries in containers? Call Blaine Bonham at 625-8280 for some helpful tips on how to keep your plants flourishing until Harvest Show time.

"SHARING" YOUR HARVEST

Penn State's Urban Gardening and the Community Food Distribution Centers Programs are sponsoring "SHARING" to encourage community and individual gardeners in taking their extra produce to city food cupboards to help people who have no food.

Call the Garden Phone, 276-5183 OR
Community Food Distribution Centers - 587-3766

A FLOWER GROWS IN POINT BREEZE

Philadelphia Inquirer readers around the Delaware Valley had a chance to meet community gardeners like *Evelyn LeVere*, *Willie Mae Bullock* and *Haroldline Trower* and others making Philadelphia Green. If you would like a copy of the Sunday, June 19th article, call Denise or Betty at 625-8280.

NEIGHBORHOOD ENERGY CONTEST

Two local energy groups are holding their second Neighborhood Energy Contest and are looking for community groups interested in encouraging energy efficiency in their neighborhoods. The Citizens Coalition for Energy Efficiency (C2E2) and the Grass Roots Alliance for a Solar Pennsylvania (GRASP) will provide technical assistance for developing proposals. Winners will receive $500 to $1,000 to carry out the projects.

CONTEST DEADLINE: AUGUST

For More Information Contact:
ENERGY CONTEST c/o GRASP
3500 Lancaster Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19104
(215) 222-0318

1983 COMMUNITY RECOGNITION DINNER

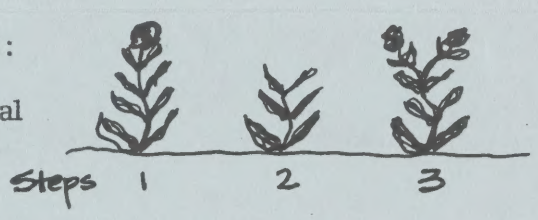
DATE:	Friday, October 21
TIME:	Cash Bar opens at 6PM Dinner at 7PM
COST:	$15.00 per person
PLACE:	Franklin Plaza Hotel 17th and Vine Streets

INVITATIONS WILL BE MAILED IN LATE AUGUST.

SUMMER GARDENING TIPS

KEEP ANNUAL FLOWERS BLOOMING LONGER THIS SEASON:

This month, prune back wilted flowers along with several inches of foliage. Within the next several weeks, you'll see new shoots bearing more flower buds. Repeat this until frost.



LATE CROPS:

It's time to think about putting in plantings of late season crops. For crops and recommended planting dates, call the Urban Gardening Garden Phone, 276-5183.

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